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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Baptism of Alexandra Grace Strong

PRELUDE

Two hymn preludes (*Adoro te devote* and *Windsor*)

Healey Willan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

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THE OPENING SENTENCES

BCP pg. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Celebrant continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

Said responsively by whole verse

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

**16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.**

17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

**18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.**

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

**20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.**

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

**22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Congregation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse (Cantor): I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Congregation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

The Baptism of Alexandra Grace Strong

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE BCP pg. 301
The Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Alexandra Grace Strong to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate when present

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

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

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Young adult, Parents and Godparents

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

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

We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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The people stand as they are able

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

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Let us now pray for Alexandra Grace who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says the following prayer

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 forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate saying

Alexandra Grace, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Alexandra Grace, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Celebrant prays over them saying

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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

We remember those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially the birthday of David Nichols and Greg Sesek and anniversary of Joyce and Don Mann.

The altar flowers are in honor of the summer birthdays of Natalie and Dylan Parker from The Mann Family.

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service.

To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalcist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips.

If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world. Your contributions of any size make a difference. [Give online](https://sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. Thank you!



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Please remain seated

Offertory Anthem

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 ...

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Holy, holy, holy S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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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The Celebrant says

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

People and Celebrant

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

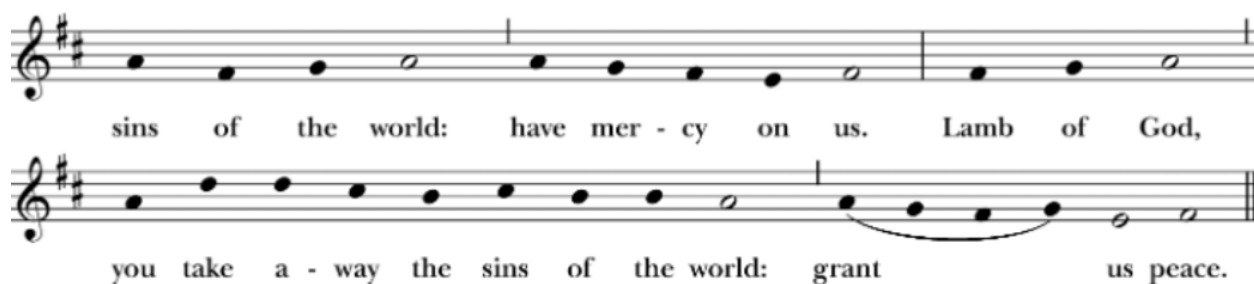
AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

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The musical notation is presented on two staves, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and using a treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics written below it. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, also with lyrics below it. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the".

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

For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Humbly I adore thee

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let us talents and tongues employ

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Refrain
 Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

The hymns and service music may be found in the 1982 Hymnal. Those worshipping online will find them at <https://tinyurl.com/4uxwssu7>

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Deacon: The Rev. Rebecca C. Warlow

Music Director and Organist: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Robin R., Samuel G.

Crucifer: Charlie L.

Acolyte: Greg S.

Ushers: Jack T, Jane T.

AV: John L.

Hospitality: The Strong Family

Altar Guild: Susan B., Joyce M.

Lay Participants for August 9th Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Lectors: Bronwyn S., Carrie F.

Crucifer/Acolyte: Dylan B.

Ushers: Christina S., Alex S., and Jack B.

AV: Robin R.

Hospitality: join us for refreshment

Altar Guild: Susan B., Joyce M.

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact us at

sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those with ongoing needs: Shannon T., Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Don M., Andrea, Angelina, Bob O., Rosalie J., Don S., Butch H. and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and all impacted by the war with Iran.

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday

Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist Rite, II, 10 am

Pickersgill, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 2 pm

Casa de Oración Hossana, 4-6 pm

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday-Thursday

Amber Poole, Parish Administrator's,
Office Hours, 10 am - 3 pm at Faith Lutheran

Wednesday

Broadmead, HE II, 11 am
Mother Nancy's Office Hours, 10 am - 3 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time to Review Our Prayer List:

We are reviewing our prayer list. If you have someone on the list and would like them to remain, please contact Amber (sherwoodparish@gmail.com) within the next two weeks. Typically, we keep a name on the prayer list for four weeks and then either remove it or transfer it to the long-term prayer list, per your direction. Prayers are vital, and we want to be sure our lists are current and up to date. Thank you!

Thank You Sherwood Green Thumbs!

Thank you to those who showed up to do some much-needed weeding on our Clean Water Project. Many hands made light work, and we truly appreciate your help!

Thank You, Sherwood Community!

I want to thank everyone for celebrating the 10th anniversary of my ordination and my service as your rector. Your prayers, cards, ice cream treats, and beautiful cross were deeply appreciated and provided the perfect sendoff for Kevin and me as we began our vacation. I feel truly blessed to serve as your rector and to be part of this special community. Thank you! *Mother Nancy*

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