

*Before the service, talk to God. During the service, let God talk to you.  
After the service, talk to one another.*

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral  
Laramie, Wyoming**

*In Christ we grow in faith, respond through action, and  
embrace all people.*

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 7, 2021**

**Prelude** **Valentina Gavrilova**

**Processional** **“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven” Hymnal 410**

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

**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** **Hymnal S-280**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 of the Day**

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy  
the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that,  
when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him  
in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The First Lesson - 1st Kings 17:8-16**

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, “Go now to  
Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded  
a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When  
he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he  
called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may

drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said,  
“Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As  
the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of  
meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple  
of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my  
son, that we may eat it, and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be  
afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake  
of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for  
yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel:  
The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail  
until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and  
did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household  
ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did  
the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke  
by Elijah.

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

**Psalm 146**

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
**for there is no help in them.**  
When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
**and in that day their thoughts perish.**  
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**  
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
**who keeps his promise for ever;**  
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
**and food to those who hunger.**  
The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of  
the blind; \*  
**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**  
The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
**he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the  
way of the wicked.**  
The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

**The Second Lesson – Hebrews 9:24-28**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a  
mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to  
appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer  
himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place  
year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have  
had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But  
as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove  
sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals  
to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been  
offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not  
to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

“Here I am Lord”

**Insert**

**The Holy Gospel**

Gospeler The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Mark 12:38-44**

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to  
walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the  
marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and  
places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the  
sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater  
condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the  
crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large  
sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which  
are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them,  
“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who  
are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of  
their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she  
had, all she had to live on.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Very Rev. Brian Gross**

**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.**

**Prayers of the People**

Do the impossible in us, again and again, O God. Empty us of the fears we  
grasp so tightly. Fill us instead with trust in your goodness. Do the  
impossible through us. We come before you, O God: **Fill us again with your  
presence.**

When we quiet ourselves and take in the beauty of the wonders around us,  
we are full of awe at what you can do. We fill the air with song and praise  
as we come before you. We come before you, O God: **Fill us again with  
your presence.**

This world is broken, aching, and often empty of joy. Fill the lonely spaces  
with people who care. Fill the hungry places with enough to satisfy all. Fill  
those who have plenty with the commitment to share with those who are in  
need. Fill those who are world-weary with your peace. We come before  
you, O God: **Fill us again with your presence.**

We hold before you those who are ill, facing surgery or recovering from it; those who are overwhelmed with sadness and the cares of this world; those who are anxious about what lies ahead and stuck in regretting the past. We ask you to shower all these people for whom we pray with your healing balm; for Mary, Char, Mei, Rosemary, Carol, Kelly, Deb, Helene, Brian M, Tiffany, Barbara, Christopher, Dan, Tuller, Holly, Nina, Marigold, Brad, Mel, Geoff, Judith, Graham, and \_\_\_\_\_. We come before you, O God: **Fill us again with your presence.**

We pray for those who have died, that your will for them has been fulfilled, and they are now full of joy in your kingdom. We pray also for those they have left behind who love them. When their hearts are full of sorrow and the long days of grief seem endless, fill them with your presence and assurance of unending life your presence. We come before you, O God: **Fill us again with your presence.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

**The Confession of Sin** **BCP 360**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Officiant: 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** *All stand*

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn** **“Come, thou fount of every blessing” Hymnal 686**

**Presentation Hymn**

**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**

***This is the Lord’s table where ALL are welcome.***

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you do not wish to receive wine please know that receiving only the bread is still a full communion*

**The Holy Communion**

***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 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 in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

**Celebrant and People**

**Hymnal S125**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.”

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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory**

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 sons and daughters; 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.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Special Communion Music** **“Lamb of God”** **by Twila Paris**  
**Sung by Dr. Holly Dalrymple**

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as he died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus:  
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be call a lamb of God

(Chorus)

**Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant 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.**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn** **“Lift high the cross”** **Hymnal 473**

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude** **Valentina Gavrilova**