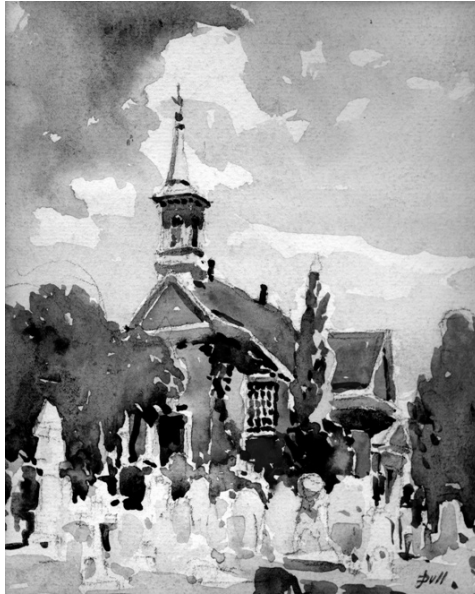




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Proper 27

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Lector: *Susan Steele*

Intercessor: *Carol Jenkins*

Usher: *Bob Jenkins*

Altar Guild: *Rachel Armstrong*

Deacon: *Rev. Kyle Evans*

Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

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Welcome to Gloria Dei – and ECS Sunday!

Today we welcome some of the leaders of Episcopal Community Services (ECS), a local organization working to challenge and reduce intergenerational poverty in Philadelphia. They work with individuals and communities to help build economic independence, and call on every person to participate in sustainable, positive change for our communities. ECS has a long standing relationship with our diocese, and is currently working to strengthen connections with churches.

In addition to hearing from our ECS guests during the service today, you are invited to join us for further conversation during our fellowship hour after the service. You are also invited to learn more about their work – and how you might get involved – on their website: www.ecsphilly.org.

Opening Hymn # 404

We Will Extol You

Hymnal 1982

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

**All 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 congregation is invited to sit for the readings.)

First Reading

Job 19:23-27a**Susan Steele**

Job said,

"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-9

Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

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I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of your eye; *

hide me under the shadow of your wings,

From the wicked who assault me, *

from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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Hymn # 295

Sing Praise to Our Creator

Hymnal 1982

Gospel Reading

Kyle Evans

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (20:27-38)**

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The sermon is an opportunity to reflect on the Scriptures we have read in the light of the Christian tradition, the life of this community, and the needs of the world around us. You don't have to agree with the preacher, and further conversation is always welcome!

After the sermon, there will be a few moments for quiet reflection. Then the congregation will stand to reaffirm our faith using the Nicene Creed. Some elements may be strange or confusing – and you are invited to engage in conversation and reflection around the Creed. In the life of faith, we sometimes confess more than we fully understand, and God's grace is faithful to meet us wherever we are on the journey.

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 *(the intercessor and the people pray responsively)*

Carol Jenkins

Celebrant Remembering the needs of this community and the world around us, let us come before our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We begin with a few moments of silence. *(Silence)*

Intercessor We pray for the unity of the church throughout the world; for Sarah, Sean and Daniel, our Bishops; for Chris, our priest; for Rachel, our postulant; for our Vestry; and for this congregation;

People **That we may faithfully reflect God's love and mercy.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor We pray for our troubled nation, especially in the wake of an election;

People **That divisions may be healed and hatred cease.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor We pray for those in positions of power and authority;

People **That you would call them to care for the most vulnerable among us, and to serve the common good.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor We pray for deliverance from militarism, racism, and materialism, and especially for those who are hungry, scared, or in any kind of trouble;

People **That justice, freedom, and peace may be known on earth as in heaven.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor We pray for this beautiful world, for all the victims of climate change, and especially for those impacted by Hurricane Melissa;

People **That we may care well for all God's creatures.** *(Silence)*

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Intercessor People We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:
Gia, Erica, Patty, Dana, Angel, Christine, Jeanette, Dakota, Emily, Dina, Anthony, Rebecca, Beth, Christine, Charles, Seamus, Thomassina, Gregory, Julie, Denise, Jason, the Juline Family, Barb, Laurie, Jerry, Peggy, JoAnn, Joanna, Mark, Margie, Bonnie, Keith, Connie, and Jack. *(Long pause for people add their own petitions.)*

Intercessor People Trusting that God’s mercies extend even beyond the grave, we pray for those who have died;
(Long pause for people add their own petitions.)

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us now confess our sins to God, kneeling as you are able.
(Silence may be kept.)

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

A note about Confession: In dealing with sin and confession, we are acknowledging that there are things in our world and things in our own lives that are in some way broken. We believe that God desires our lives to be marked by justice, freedom, peace, and love (most of all!). By recognizing when we fall short of that standard, we open ourselves to God’s unfailing grace and help, rather than dwelling in shame or despair.

The Peace & Offertory

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People **And also with you.** *(Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)*

Pre-Offertory Hymn # 340 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* Hymnal 1982

Offertory Sentence

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall not stumble. I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words. - Psalm 17:5-6

Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are to be responsible stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code on the back of the bulletin. After the collection, the offering is brought forward as we stand to sing the doxology.

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Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above all heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion –Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant God 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. *(Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds)*
Celebrant God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People Glory to you for ever and ever.
Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People By your will they were created and have their being.
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for beauty, creativity and love. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.
Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.
People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.
Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Flowingly Paul Fejko

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Po - wer and might, Heav'n and Earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est. Ble - ssed is he who comes,
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est, ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

Celebrant On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

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Celebrant God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People *(In a loud voice!)* **AMEN!**

Celebrant	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,	
All	Our Father, who art in heaven,	As we forgive those who trespass against us.
	hallowed be thy name;	And lead us not into temptation;
	Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;	but deliver us from evil.
	On earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom, and the power
	Give us this day our daily bread.	and the glory,
	And forgive us our trespasses,	For ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction & Invitation

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

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him 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 failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

*All those interested in receiving communion should make their way forward to the rail, while the elements are prepared for distribution to the congregation. Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community. **Therefore, all are welcome at this table - including children!***

Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available – just hold up one finger to receive either of these alternative elements. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. If you wish to receive the cup, you may drink or dip your wafer; it is also okay to receive the wafer only – we believe that Jesus is fully present in each of the elements of communion. If you prefer not to receive, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

Instrumental Hymn # 574

Before Thy Throne, O God

Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant Let us stand and pray together the post communion prayer.
All **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, 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 Rev. Chris Micklewright

Announcements *A handout of upcoming events is in the back of the church, some will be highlighted here.*

Closing Collect **Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church – and especially for the ministry of Episcopal Community Services – that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 372 *Praise to the Living God* Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Andante con moto e maestoso* Flor Peeters

***All are invited to listen to the postlude,
and then to join us for a time of fellowship in Riverside Hall.***

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