OOS HC Sunday 25 October 2026 – The last Sunday after Trinity

THE GATHERING

Words of welcome or introduction

Opening Hymn: #237 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

INVITATION TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated*

The president says

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

(All) Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

May almighty God have mercy on *us*,
forgive *us our* sins,
and bring *us* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY – Last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 1 (NRSVUE)

[1] Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
[2] but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
[3] They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

4 The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

This is the word of the Lord
(All) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING – Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18 (NRSVUE)

Ritual and Moral Holiness
19 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
2 "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

15 "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood[a] of your neighbour is at stake: I am the Lord.
17 "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

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THE SERMON – Paul Devos

THE NICENE CREED – *Please stand if you are able*
(All) 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION Please be seated

Response at the end of each prayer
(Leader) Lord in your mercy,
(All) hear our prayer

Merciful Father,
(All) accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE – *Please stand if you are able*

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
(All) And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All who have a practice of taking communion are welcome to receive the sacrament.
Please hold out your hands for a wafer.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request as you arrive at the front.
If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and keep your hands crossed across your chest.

OFFERTORY HYMN: #37 As the deer

The Prayer of Preparation
Generous and gracious God,
receive and bless these gifts for your holy work;
and bless everyone who offers them to you.
(All) Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer G
The Lord is here.

(All) His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

(All) We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(All) It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:
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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

(All) Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, each in our own language.

(All) Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
(All) Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion
God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,**
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

People come forward for communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THE NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN: #9 All glory, laud, and honour

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing …

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord
(All) In the name of Christ. Amen.