

Solemn High Mass

THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 27, 2026 11 a.m.



Welcome to Atonement. We hope you will participate fully in today's service, as you feel comfortable. Customary times to stand, kneel, and sit are indicated by italic type. Words spoken by the people are indicated by bold type. Hymns can be found by number in the blue hymnal in the pewbacks.

The Mass setting is by William Mathias (1934–1992)

THE VOLUNTARY

Prelude in E flat

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE OPENING HYMN • 435

At the Name of Jesus

Kings Weston

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel, as able.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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 KYRIE • S-98

Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

THE GLORIA • S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The People sit for the readings from scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1–4,25–32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

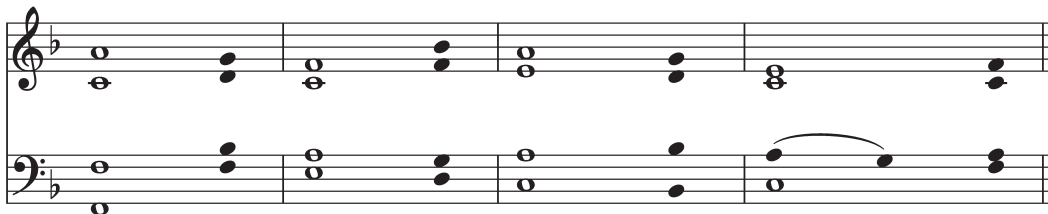
Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM • 25:1–8

Ad te, Domine, levavi



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
 and teach me your paths.
 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.
 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.
 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1–13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



The People are invited to bow as the Gospel Book passes.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

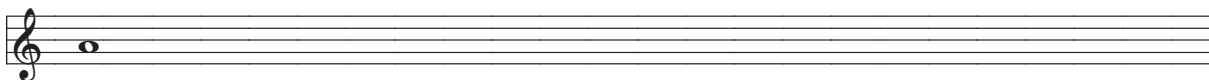
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Charles Everson

Please stand, as able.

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. A - men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People respond to each intercession, saying

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be al - ways with you.

People

And al - so with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If this is your first time here, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering basket or hand it to the priest or an usher after the service.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please stand, as able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN • 282

Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels

Cælites plaudant

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

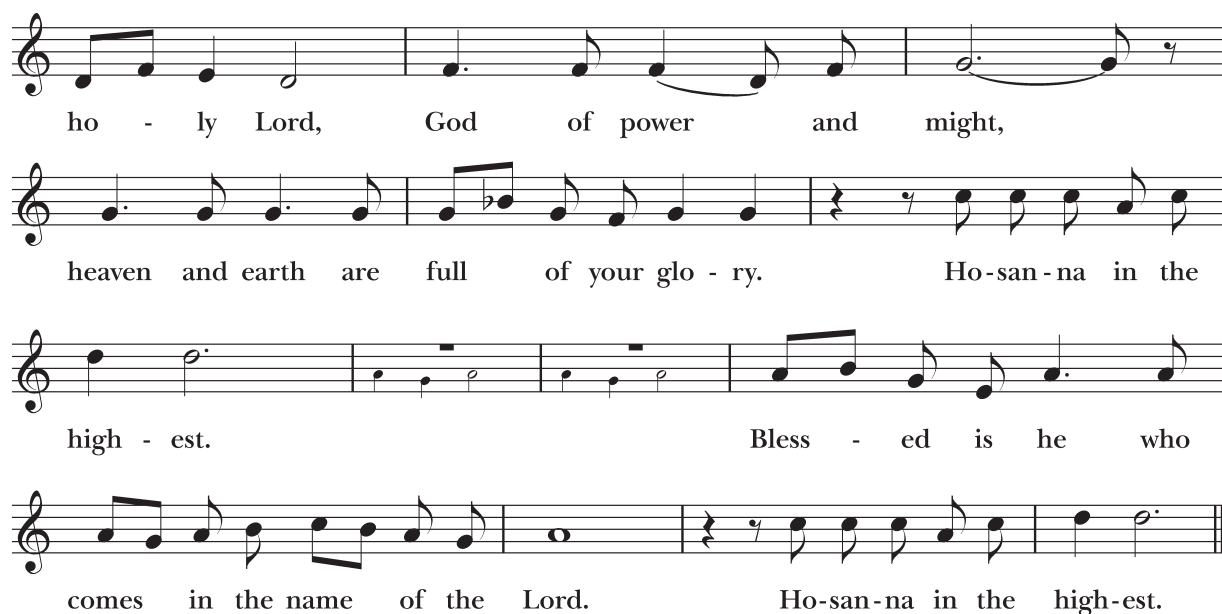
The Celebrant offers a Proper Preface, before continuing

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:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS • S-128



Ho - ly, ho - ly,



Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues the prayer.

All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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."

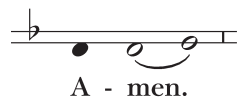
Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people celebrate and make, with these holy gifts which we now offer to you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we humbly ask you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, in which we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your

grace and heavenly blessing; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

A musical score for "The Lord's Prayer" in G-flat major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble staff across nine lines of music. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

THE AGNUS DEI • S-165



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

Everyone is welcome to come forward at this time. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion in both bread and wine. Please do not dip your bread in the wine. Gluten-free bread is available; please notify the priest as they come to you.

If you are not baptized, or if you prefer, you may receive a blessing from the priest instead: cross your arms over your chest to indicate this. If you do not wish to receive wine, cross your arms over your chest after receiving the bread. Please remain in place until the person next to you has received Communion.

THE COMMUNION HYMN • 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of rest

THE COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

From time to time, a Eucharistic Visitor is sent forth with the Body of Christ to those unable to be present with us on Sundays.

N., in the name of Christ, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body.

We, who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Please kneel or stand, as able.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Celebrant offers God's blessing on the congregation, to which the People respond

Amen.

Please stand, as able.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or Celebrant, dismisses the People, to which they respond

Thanks be to God.

The Ministers process to the Mary Shrine.

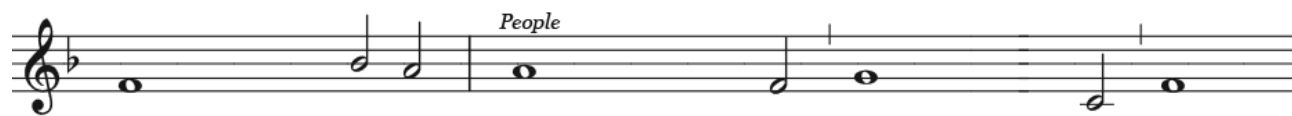
THE ANGELUS



1. The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Ma - ry; And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.
2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word.
3. And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt a - mong us.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the



fruit of thy womb, Je - sus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and in the



hour of our death. A - men.

Celebrant *People*

4. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant *People*

Let us pray: We beseech thee, ... through the same Christ our Lord. A - men.

The People are invited to bow as the processional cross passes.

THE CLOSING HYMN • 438

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Woodlands

THE VOLUNTARY

Intrada

Grayston Ives (b.1948)

The voluntary is an offering of worship, not a performance. In lieu of applause, please consider thanking the organist at coffee hour or by email.

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Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in Montgomery Hall, through the double doors on the right side of the church.

The sanctuary candle is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 66th wedding anniversary of Elmer & Pauline Metzger.

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by Altar Guild.

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Today's Ministers. *Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Deacon:* The Rev'd Charles Farrell; *Subdeacon:* Patrick Paddock; *Organist:* Charlie Segal; *Lectors:* Margaret Wejksnora, Richard Benson; *Intercessor:* Daniel Burke

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Finance, Stewardship, and Endowment Guilds. Join us for a forum today at 10 a.m. in the Elizabethan Room. The parish's guilds do some of the most important work around Atonement, and in this forum, the first of a series, we will learn about what three of the guilds are and how they benefit both the parish and the parishioners who serve on them. Facilitated by Michael Cockerill, Charlaire Reynolds, and Michael Waltz.

Outreach Guild meets on Sunday. The Outreach Guild will have their fall meeting today at 1 p.m. in the Elizabethan Room. In addition to discussing general business such as the upcoming Pet Blessing, Ministry Fair, and Advent Drive, the guild will vote on the revised charter and continue their summer work in moving from strategy to action in the community.

Neighborhood Pet Blessing in October. In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, beloved for his care and love for all of God's creatures, the Church of the Atonement invites parishioners, friends, and neighbors to bring their beloved pets for a special Blessing of the Animals on Sun., Oct. 4, following the 11:00 Mass. We will also be collecting pet food donations for our local pet pantry.

In addition, we will bless the beautiful new statue of St. Francis has been installed in the garden. Please stay and enjoy a reception and fellowship as we celebrate the special animals who bring joy, companionship, and love into our lives.

All creatures—great and small—are welcome. Please plan to join us for this special celebration.

Choral Evensong and Benediction on Oct. 4. The Atonement Choir will begin the choral season with Choral Evensong and Benediction on Sun., Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. featuring Howells' "Collegium Regale" and Britten's {Rejoice in the Lamb."}

Chiapas mission trip discernment meeting. Are you considering joining the Mission of Presence trip to Chiapas, Mexico next spring? Join us on Sat., Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. for a mandatory discernment meeting for all prospective travelers in the rectory. We will share what draws us to this ministry, discuss what we can expect during

the trip, evaluate our comfort level with the work required to build friendship with one of Mexico's poorest parishes, and allow God to help us discern if the trip is right for us. If you plan to attend, please sign up at tinyurl.com/chiapas-discernment

Save the date for our ministry fair. Join us for our Oct. 11 Ministry Fair, where approximately 30 Atonement ministries will have tables —our "Ports of Calling"—ready for you to explore. The Ministry Fair will be open from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Pick up your Ministry Fair Passport and visit the different Ports of Calling. Collect stickers along the way for a chance to win a gift card.

Come meet the people who make our ministries happen, learn more about the many ways to participate in the life of our parish, and discover opportunities that might be just right for you. Whether you are looking for a way to serve, connect with others, try something new, or simply learn more about Atonement, there's a place for you.

Solar panel commissioning and blessing. You're invited to a special parish event on Sun., Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. when we will commission and bless our new solar panels. Earlier this year, Atonement installed arrays of solar panels on the roofs of the church and parish house as part of our green initiatives.

October house party fundraiser. Please join us Sun., Oct. 25 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Albert & Amanda Kim for an afternoon of jazz with renowned Chicago duo Fr. John Moulder and Ken Hall, who were recently featured at the Chicago Guitar Festival! Tickets (\$30) include the concert, as well as light refreshments and an array of beverages including wine, beer, and soft drinks. Seating for this event is extremely limited. Please purchase your \$30 tickets early to ensure your spot. Complimentary tickets are available; please contact Amanda Kim to receive a complimentary ticket.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays. Low Mass 8 a.m., Family Mass 9 a.m., Solemn High Mass 11 a.m.

Weekdays. Monday and Friday 7:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon, Wednesday 7 p.m.

Saturdays. The Holy Rosary 9:30 a.m., Healing Mass 10 a.m.

Morning Prayer. Daily 8:30 a.m. *on Google Meet*

Evening Prayer. Tuesday 5:30 p.m. *on Google Meet*

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