

# Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost:

## Recovery Sunday

Sunday, November 9, 2025

10 a.m.



### The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

*Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.*

### Entrance Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

## Opening Acclamation (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

## Hymn 821 WLP

Glory to God

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the

Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.

Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

*Children and Chaplains may come forward*

*The Celebrant says to the congregation*

Will you pray for these young people and chaplains as they hear and receive God's Word?

*People*

**We will.**

*The Celebrant then says to the chapel participants*

Will you pray for us as we hear and receive God's Word?

*Chapel Participants*

**We will.**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

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 Lessons

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of Job [19:23-27a]

<sup>23</sup>O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

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| Reader | The Word of the Lord.    |
| People | <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 17:1-9

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.  
<sup>2</sup>Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.  
<sup>3</sup>Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
<sup>4</sup>I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.  
<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.  
<sup>6</sup>I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.  
<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.  
<sup>8</sup>Keep me as the apple of your eye; \*  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,  
<sup>9</sup>From the wicked who assault me, \*  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Thessalonika [2:1-5, 13-17]

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

**Sequence Hymn 482**  
*All stand.*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

*Slane*

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [20:27-38]  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>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.  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Reflections Kristen

### Litany of Healing

*Celebrant* Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People name those for whom they are interceding.*

*Reader* God, the Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation;

*People* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Reader* God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

*People* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Reader* God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

*People* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Reader* Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

*People* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Reader* Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Reader* Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Reader* Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Reader* Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Reader* Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Reader* Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

*People* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Reader* You are the Lord who does wonders:

*People* **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

*Reader* With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

*People* **And in your light we see light.**

*Reader* Hear us, O Lord of life.

*People* **Heal us, and make us whole.**

*Reader* Let us pray the Serenity Prayer together.

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.**

*Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and travel may be offered*

### Confession of Sin

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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 Priest stands and says*

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.**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion



*Necessary announcements may be made; the people may be seated.*

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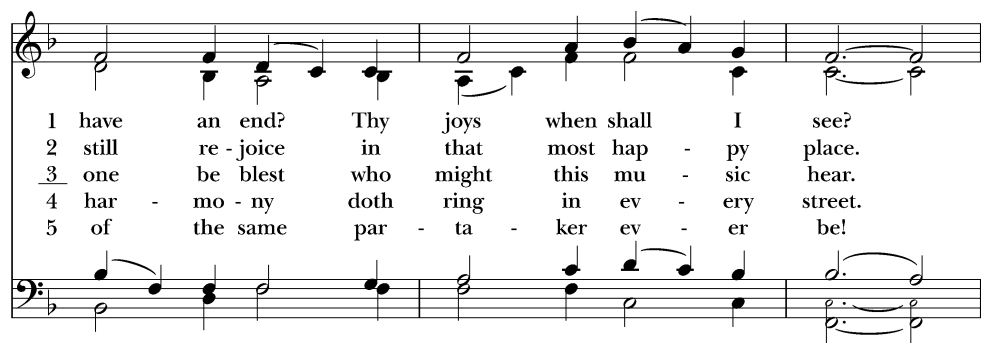
## Offertory Hymn 620

## Jerusalem, my happy home

## Land of Rest

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would  
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's  
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*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.

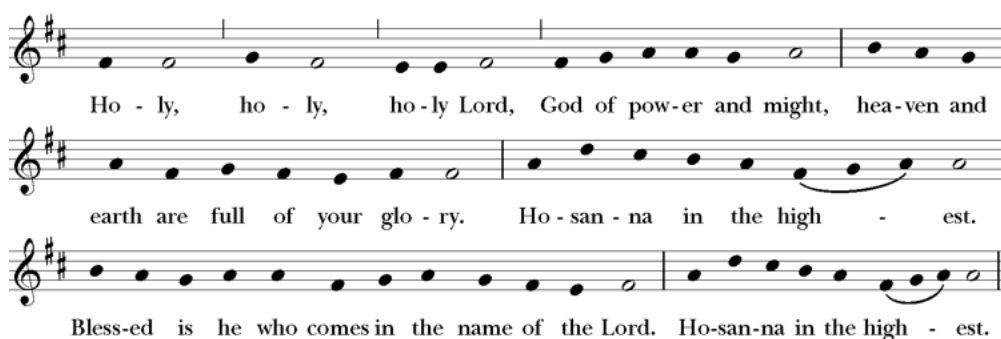
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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*



*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

*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

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Communion

*This is God's table, all are welcome. Gluten-free wafers are available; ask the priest when you come to the altar rail. You can request that Communion be brought to your pew by letting an usher know.*

*When Communion is taken to the homebound, the Eucharistic Visitor comes forward and is commissioned with these or similar words*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

Hymn 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

*Cwm Rhondda*

The musical score is written for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

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### ***Liturgical Ministers***

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Briggs  
Deacon: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder  
Guest Pianist: Lizzie Danchi  
Eucharistic Minister: Sarah Groman, Bill Freeman  
Reader: Kate Jackson  
Prayers of the People: Bill Freeman  
Usher: Phil Groman

### ***People in our Prayers***

**Healing:** Brooke Metcalf, Patrick Coleman, Jan L., Miriam, The Nisbet Family, Wendy, Jeff, Sandra Covington, Peter Walker, Br. Richard Biernacki BSG, Jeff, David Bridges, Kathy Bridges, Donald, Diana Mohr, Gwen, Charles Lewis, Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Catherine, Kristina Shea, Tony, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Gay Schueler, Pat Medley, Timothy Darling, Leah, Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla, Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Stephanie, Kyle R.

**November Birthdays:** Bill Freeman (1), Ray Adams (3), Mabel Colby (4), Minnie Biggs (4), Connie Bock (6), Sandy Lyle (10), Priscilla Granston (11), Jeff Conrad (16), Jan Gilley (23), Susan Fockler (24), Amy Frankel (24), Edmund Hartt (27), Kay Lehr (28), Lance Buchanan (29)

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** Good Shepherd, Rangeley, For all who serve and have served in the armed forces of our country

**Beginning the first Sunday of Advent,** November 30, we will move to one service at 9:30 a.m. The Liturgy will continue to be Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday each month; all other Sundays, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Rite I (traditional language) will be used in Advent/ Christmas, Rite II (contemporary language) for season of Epiphany, and Rite I for Lent. We will resume our regular schedule of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 29.

**We are thrilled to be the host** parish for the Great Vigil of Easter, April 4 with the mid-coast parishes of Belfast, Rockland, Rockport, and Thomaston. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown, Bishop of Maine will be the Celebrant.

**Those wishing to be confirmed,** received into the Episcopal Church, or renew their baptismal vows can register today for Inquirer's Classes beginning January 11. See registration card in your pew.

**The Outreach Committee** will be providing Christmas stockings for parishioners to fill for Camden-Rockport Middle Schoolers. We will provide a list of ideas for gift items; be creative, have fun with it! Stockings will be available beginning today; please return filled stockings no later than on December 7 for Saint Nicholas to bless. The Committee will also be giving parents \$80 Walmart gift cards to the parents of these 27 children. HAVE FUN!

### ***This Week at St. Thomas'***

#### **Sunday, November 9:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 a.m. Coffee with Clergy  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

#### **Tuesday, November 11:**

Parish office closed in observance of Veterans Day  
5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (*Conference Room*)

#### **Wednesday, November 12:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study (*online*)

#### **Saturday, November 15:**

4:00 p.m. Parish Hymn Sing & Potluck (*Parish Hall*)

**Sunday, November 16:**  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (*Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall*)  
4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Lady Chapel*)

**A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.**

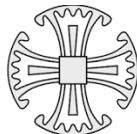
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