# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost




**The Baptism of**

## Etta Somers Keddy

**Epiphany Parish**
**November 15, 2026 – 10:00am**
**Rite II**

We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another
and to include all people through our fellowship, education and outreach.

**The Prelude**

**The Opening Hymn** **H#48 O day of radiant gladness**

**The Sunday School Song** **'This is the Day'**

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made.

### The Word of God

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
*People:* *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*
*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit;
*People:* *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
*People:* *One God and Father of all.*

**The Gloria** **S-280**

**The Collect of the Day (in Unison)**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The First Reading** **Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;

the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,

their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them

on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

## The Psalm 90:1-8, 12

[1] Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

[2] Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

[3] You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

[4] For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

[5] You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

[6] In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

[7] For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

[8] Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

[12] So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

## The Epistle Reading  1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep

sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**The Gradual Hymn** **LEVAS#106 Precious Lord, take my hand**
***(please see back of bulletin)***

**The Gospel** **Matthew 25:14-30**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

**The Sermon** **The Rev. Christen H. Mills**



## Sacrament of Baptism

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidate p301

*The Celebrant says:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents say:*

**I present Etta Somer Keddy to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents say:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant says:*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents say:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Celebrant addresses the congregation:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

### The Baptismal Covenant p304

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**
**He descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again.**
**He ascended into heaven,**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic Church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidate p305

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

## Thanksgiving over the Water p306

*The Celebrant blesses the water,* first saying:

The Lord be with you.
*People* **And also with you.**
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Baptism p307

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:*

Etta, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*When this action has been completed, the celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation,*

*prays over them, saying:*

Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*Then the celebrant places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

Etta, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant says:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.
*Celebrant and People:*
**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, Proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**The Prayers for the People Form III** p387

**The Peace** *The Peace is now exchanged.*

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

**The Offertory Hymn** **Sung by The Choir**

**The Doxology** **H#380(verse 3)**

## Holy Communion

**The Eucharistic Prayer D** p372

**The Sanctus** (sung) **H# S-125**

**The Lord's Prayer** p364

**The Breaking of the Bread** p364

**The Communion Hymn** **H# 285, what thanks and praise to thee we owe**

**The Post Communion Prayer** p365

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**
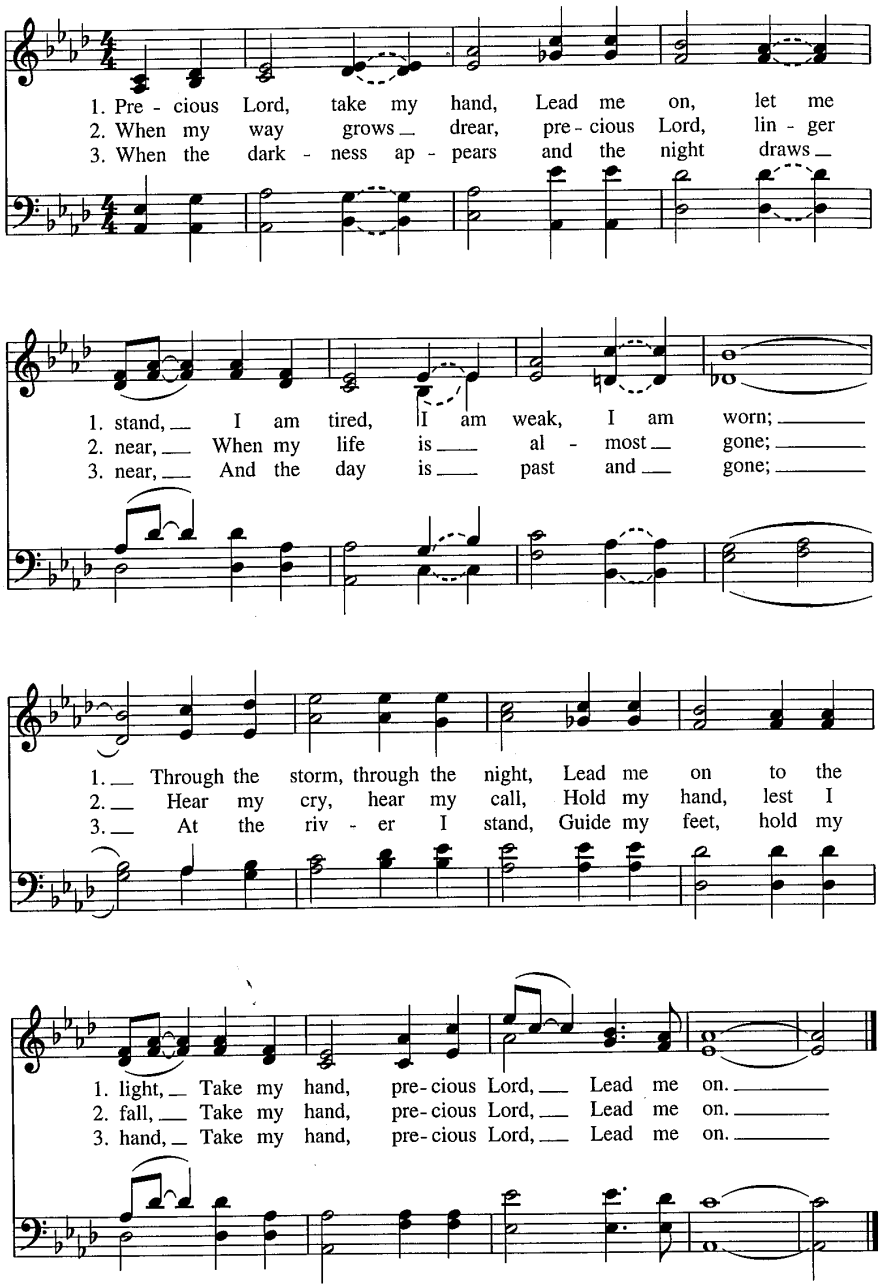
**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Closing Hymn** **H#632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate**

**The Dismissal**

# Congratulations, Etta!






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## Invitation for Spiritual Communion

*This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament.* Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

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