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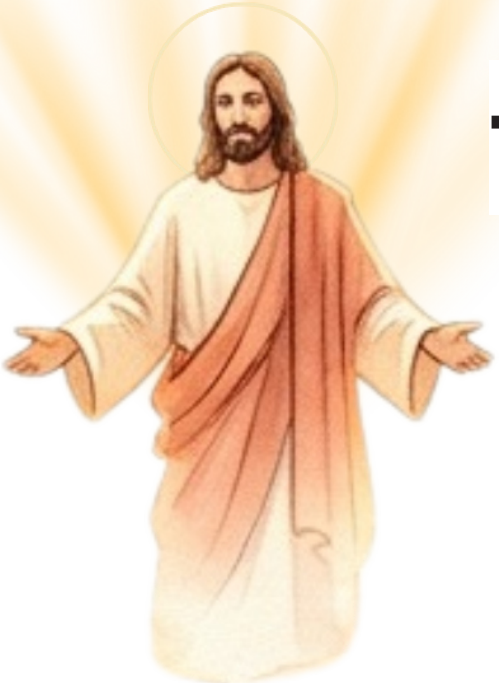
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With Fr Matthew Waterman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026



The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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Order of Service

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. (John 14.23) ……. (BAS 388)

Prayer

Almighty God,
We give you thanks as we come to this place to praise your holy name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

rb101… All People That On…

The Gathering

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Almighty God…
All: To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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**.
Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest…
All: 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: Lord have mercy
All: Lord have mercy
Celebrant: Christ have mercy
All: Christ have mercy
Celebrant: Lord have mercy
All: Lord have mercy

The Collect …… (BAS 425)

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar.

The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated.

The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

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

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

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

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Celebrant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. **Amen**.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

bb184… Thy Word is a Lamp

Gospel Reading (Please Stand)
Reader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MATTHEW 22:34-46
People: Glory to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed …….. (BAS 592)

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say
All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

Prayers of the People

Eucharist

Confession and Absolution ..... (BAS 191)
Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God

All: 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**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Peace ..... (BAS 192)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All: And also with you.

Please Greet One Another With a sign of peace

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bb143… This is my Father's…

Prayer over the Gifts ..... (BAS 389)

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you ..... **(BAS 198)**

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.

Prayer …… (BAS 218)
Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, …… **(BAS 198)**
God of power and might (X2)
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. (X2)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (X2)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted,

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.”

[Silence]

Celebrant: 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.”

[Silence]

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer ..... (BAS 211)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

All: Our Father in heaven we hallow your Name! Most holy and glorious ever the same! Establish your kingdom your purpose fulfill, On earth as in heaven may all do your will! Our Father in heaven we hallow your Name! Most holy and glorious ever the same! Establish your kingdom your purpose fulfill, On earth as in heaven may all do your will! Our Daily bread give us, fulfill every need. Grant food for both spirit and body we plead.As we forgive others, our debts please forgive, With all reconciled and at peace may we live. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The Communion

Celebrant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All baptized persons are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion

bb139… Great is Thy Faithfulness
bb526… Thy Solid RockGlorify
bb009… Glorify Thy Name
bb005… I Sing Praises to Your

Prayers For Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Occasions

Prayer After Communion ..... (BAS 389)

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Blessing ..... (BAS 683)

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty,the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Welcome

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7:00PM THU: Bible study

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To get 2027 offering envelopes, contact Bev Brown or the Parish Office by November 8th. You can also give by E-transfer, Debit/Credit, and PAR.

Walk & Pray 1st Saturday of Every Month:
Join Fr Matthew at 10:00AM to go out into the community to pray and extend invitations to our worship services.

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bb786… Count Your Blessings

Dismissal ..... (BAS 215)

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!





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Sunday, November 1st
All Saints Sunday

Revelations 7.9-17, Psalm 34.1-10, 22
1 John 3.1-3, Matthew 5.1-12



Bible Study

Thursday, Oct 29, 7:00pm

Exodus 4.18-31

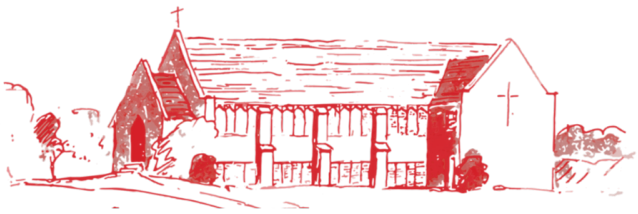
Moses and Zipporah's Next Chapter

1- Why might Moses not have told his Father-in-law the real reason for going back to Egypt?

2- What does it mean to you that God calls the Israelites his firstborn son in demanding that Pharaoh let them go?

3- What do you see as the connection between Israel as God's firstborn son, God's threat to kill the firstborn son of Pharaoh, and God apparently seeking to kill Moses' firstborn son in verse 24?

4- Why did the people fall down and worship after seeing signs from Moses and hearing that the Lord had seen their misery?



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