

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, 26th October 2025, 10:30 Holy Baptism, Eucharist & Agape Africa Sunday



Baptism of Jesus. Castera Bazile Holy Trinity Cathedral, Episcopal Church of Haiti, Port-au-Prince

Introit

Twasema Asante (We are saying Thank You) - Swahili sung by the African Singing Group

Chorus

Twasema, Asante (We are saying, thank you)
Twasema, Asante
Twasema a..., Asante
Ewe mungu wangu (You are my God)

2. Hakuna, Mungu kama wewe
There's no God like you)
Hakuna, Mungu kama wewe
Hakuna..., Mungu kama wewe
Ewe mungu wangu (You are my God)

Ewe mungu wangu. (You are my God) Chorus

Chorus

1. Wewe ni, Alfa na omega

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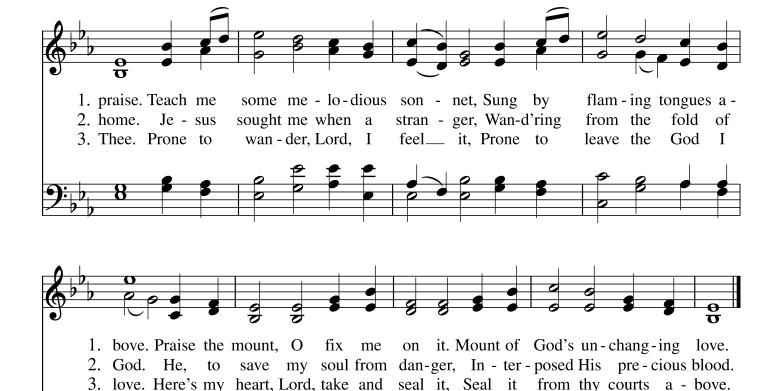
Wewe ni... Alfa na omega

Wewe ni, mwanzo tena mwisho (You are the beginning and the end)
 Wewe ni, mwanzo tena mwisho
 Wewe ni, mwanzo tena mwisho
 Ewe mungu wangu. (You are my God)

(You are the alfa and omega)

Chorus





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The Word of God

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please sit

The Ministry of the Word

The Reading from the Old Testament Joel 2:23-33

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 65

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
 - O God of our salvation, *
 - O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
 the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *

for so you provide for the earth.

- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

The New Testament

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

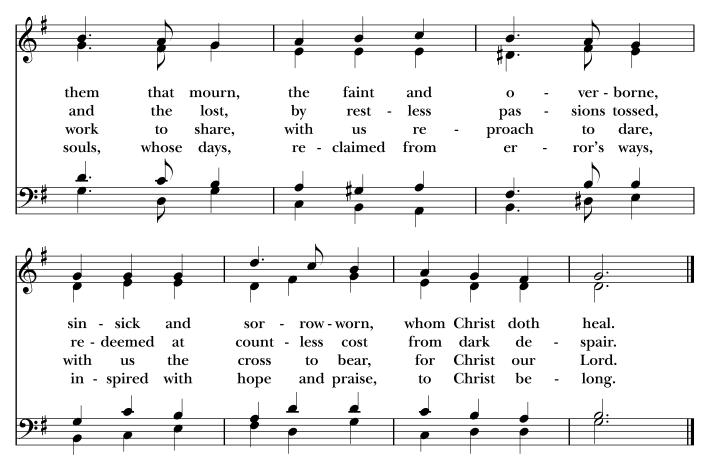
Gradual Hymn

Christ for the world we sing

H.537

We sing verses 1 & 2 before and verses 3 & 4 after the Gospel





Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886). Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892).

The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Michael Rusk

Holy Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and godparents

I present Tallulah to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

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

Parents and godparents

I will, with God's help

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents

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.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

People We will

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

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

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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.

The Celebrant says

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 for ever. Amen.

As the procession makes its way to the font, the African Singing Group will sing Tum bi wo Jesus wu (There is power in Jesus), Akan, Ghana

Tum bi wo Jesus mu, tum bi wo Jesus mu

There is power in Jesus, there is power in Jesus.

Leader: Tum bi wo nemo Leader: There is power in him.

All: Tum bi wo Jesus mu, Ono n'owo tumi, Egya All: There is power in Jesus, All power belongs to

n'owo tumi him, All power belongs to the Father.

Leader: Egya n'owo tumi Leader: All power belongs to the Father.

All: Egya n'owo tumi, Egya n'owo tumi All: All power belongs to the Father.

Leader: Ne tum bor adze nyinaa do Leader: Hiis power surpasses everything.

All: Ne tum bor adze nyinaa do, Egya n'owo tumi All His power surpasses everything. All power

belongs to the Fther.

Leader: Ntsi momma yenyi n'aye o. Leader: So let us glorify his name.

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All: Oyohen, momma yenda n'ase, o bedzi nkunyim All: He is Lord, let us thank him. He is foever victorious.

Thanksgiving over the Water

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 God thanks and praise.

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

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

Tallulah Jo Rosario, 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 the candidate, 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 using Chrism and saying

Tallulah, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

Lighting & Presentation of Baptism Candle

Celebrant God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place

with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all

the days of your life.

People Shine as a light to the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We all exchange a sign of peace.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

Offertory Anthem

Go preach my gospel

Levas 161

- 1 "Go preach my gospel," saith the Lord, "Bid the whole earth my grace receive, Explain to them my sacred word, Bid them believe, obey, and live."
- 3 "Go heal the sick, go raise the dead, Go cast out devils in my name. Nor let my prophets be afraid, Though man reproach, and will blaspheme."
- 2 "I'll make my great commission known, And ye shall prove my gospel trueBy all the works that I have done, And all the wonders ye shall do."
 - "While thus ye follow my commands,
 I'm with you till the world shall end.
 All pow'r in trusted in my hands;
 I can destroy, and can defend."
- 5 He spake and light shone round His head, On a bright cloud to heav'n He rode. They to the farthest nation spread The grace of their ascended God.

Go Preach My Gospel, #161 from Lift Every Voice and Sing II — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

The Agape Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth food from the earth; bless this wine, bread, and fruit that we now share in our homes and gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

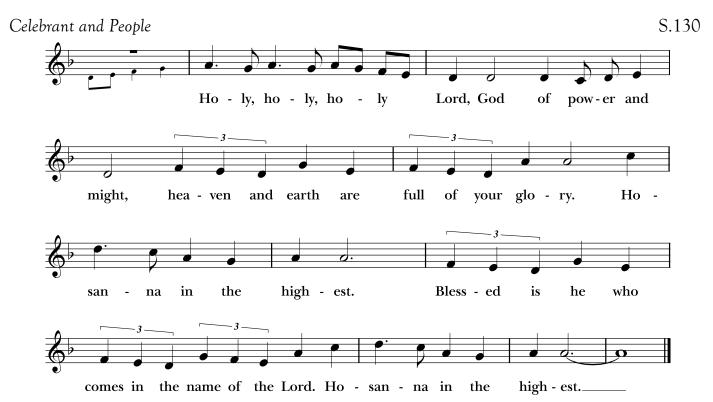
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God 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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:



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Then 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 life, 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 before 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 everlasting 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**.

Silence

The Deacon prays for the sick and then leads the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

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

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

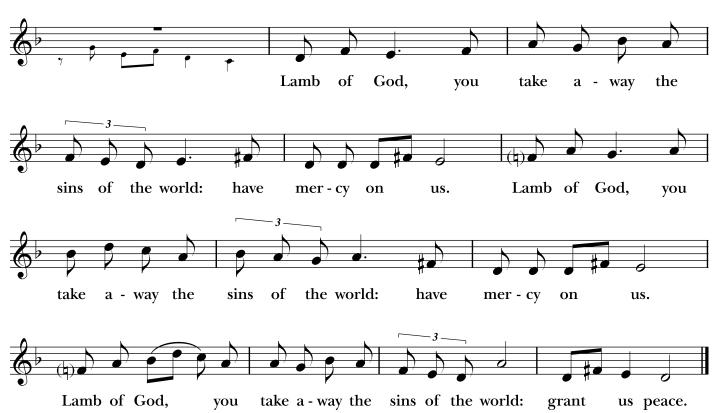
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.



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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Chorales n° 160, 161, 162

J.S. Bach

You are invited forward by the ushers to receive Communion; you can choose to receive wine from the chalice or take a small glass of red wine or white non-alcoholic wine which can be found today in both trays on the tables.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Announcements

The Blessing

May God who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn

Lift every voice and sing

H.1

Till earth and sing, and heav chast - 'ning 2. Sto - ny trod, Bit - ter the road we 3. God of God wea ry years, 1. ring, Ring with the nies of lib har mo er when___ 2. rod, Felt in the days hope had un born_ Thou who hast brought thus





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Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Chorale N° 155 J.S. Bach

Today's Ministers:

Celebrant The Rev. Michael Gospeller The Rev. Deacon Richard Cole

Rusk

Pianist Raphaël Marugg Reader Samuel Mbele-Mbong

Eucharistic Ministers Debbie Groby Ushers Vicky Maltby & Silvia Gosnell

Helena Mbele-Mbong Altar Guild Harriet Ndagire

Coffee Hour Yunise Korir Welcomer Adwoa Bentsi-Enchill

Flower Guild Adwoa Bensti-Enchill Livestreamer Marisa Were

Candidate for Holy Baptism

Tallulah Jo Rosario Iborra

Prayer List: This week, we are praying for Alice, Barron, Christopher, Damien, Emilie and her family, Eva, George, Geraldine, Yan and Jacqueline, Katie, Kristina, Margaret, Marguerite, Marietta, Marilynn, Milki, Patricia, Rasali, Robert, Rose, Rosemary and Mary, Soheir and Zéli.

In our Convocation Prayer Cycle, this week, we pray for the Board of Foreign Parishes, The Board of St. James, and the Board of St. Paul's Within-the-Walls.

The flowers today are generously given by Andrew'1qs and Sam Donkin in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary on October 29.

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