

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mass ~ Rite II ~ Year A

October 4, 2026, 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Opening Voluntary

Introit:

In voluntate tua

O LORD Almighty, everything is in subjection unto thee; and there is no man that is able to resist thy power: for thou hast created everything; heaven and earth, and all the wonders which under heaven's vault are contained; thou art the LORD and King of all things. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the LORD. Glory be...

[Standing.]

Processional Hymn

“Only begotten, Word of God eternal”

Hymnal 360

Opening Salutation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

[Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pews.]

*Glory to God in the highest,
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.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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The First Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us your peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Verse: *MY soul hath longèd for thy salvation; and I have a good hope in thy word: when wilt thou be avengèd of them that persecute me? They persecute me falsely: O be thou my help, O Lord my God.*

Communion Hymn “Let thy Blood in mercy poured” Hymnal 313

The Post-communion Prayer *[Kneel as able.]* BCP 365-6

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Closing Hymn “Glorious things of thee are spoken” Hymnal 522

The Dismissal BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Voluntary

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

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

At the following words, the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

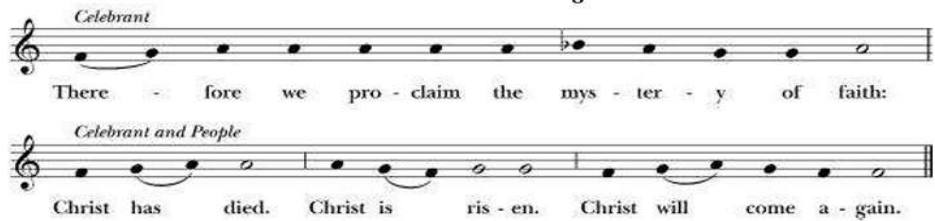
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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.”

Memorial Acclamation 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,

The Lord’s Prayer [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Hymnal SI19.]

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 Psalm 80:7-14 *Qui regis Israel*



7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

†14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

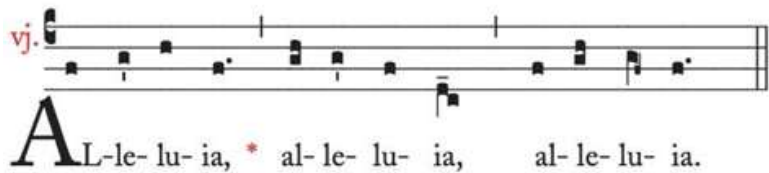
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings

by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Sequence Hymn “Christ is made the sure foundation” Hymnal 518



Verse: *When Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the strange people. (choir)*

✠ **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Matthew** 21:33-46

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

The Sermon *[Seated.]* Fr. Benjamin George-Thoms
The Nicene Creed *[Stand as able.]* Prayer Book 358

The Prayers of the People (Form II) *[Kneel as able.]* Prayer Book 385
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution Prayer Book 360
The Peace
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory
Verse: *THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job: perfect and upright, and one that feared God. And Satan sought to tempt him: and power was given him by the Lord over his possessions, and over his flesh. And he destroyed all his substance and his sons: and he smote his flesh with sore boils.*

Anthem: *Teach Me, O Lord* Thomas Attwood
Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Hymn: “Not far beyond the sea” Hymnal 422

The Great Thanksgiving
The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A) Prayer Book 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *Welift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

[Kneel as able.]
Celebrant
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
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:

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew.]
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

[Kneel as able, stand.]
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.