

Eighteenth Sunday after PENTECOST



September 27, 2026
Holy Eucharist
Proper 21



WELCOME

- Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.

Prelude *Miniature Suite for Organ - I. Intrada*

John Ireland

- at the sound of the bells, all stand

Hymn 690 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*



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

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.
Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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Opening Acclamation

celebrant
Bless-ed be God: most holy, glorious, and undi-vi-ded Tri-ni-ty.
people
And blessed be God's reign, now and for ev - er. A- men.

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.

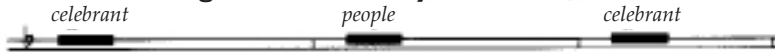
Song of Praise • Canticle 13: S 236

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_____ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -
 tween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
 hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of
 depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
 hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you. Glo - ry to you! _____
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

- *all be seated*

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this

people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence,
but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and
trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for
his good pleasure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 435 *At the Name of Jesus* • *verses 1-4 will be sung for the gospel procession,
5-6 will be sung as the procession returns*



- 1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
- 2 Hum-bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
- 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
- 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
- *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
- *6 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



- 1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
- 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
- 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
- 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
- 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
- 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



- 1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
- 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
- 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
- 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
- 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
- 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



- 1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
- 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
- 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
- 4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
- 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
- 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley

Nicene Creed • *all stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People • Adapted from the Church of England's *Common Worship*

- *the deacon says*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father, saying "Hear our prayer."

- *the intercessor says*

We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church; guide and govern us by your good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop; and for all other ministers.

In the power of the Spirit

Hear our prayer.

Bless and guide President Trump; give wisdom to all in authority; And direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; That we may honor one another, and seek the common good.

In the power of the Spirit

Hear our prayer.

O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth, your saving health among all nations.

In the power of the Spirit

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthdays of Dean Weller and Judy Bradley.

In the power of the Spirit

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or estate; comfort and relieve them in their need, give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their afflictions, especially Murphey Coy, Rich Curry, Judy Donahue, Kate Dooley, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Ginger Shackleton, Jim Watkins, Dean Weller, Colleen Wilson, and Ruth Wukasch

In the power of the Spirit,

Hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones, with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints ...

- *the people may add their own petitions*

In the power of the Spirit,

Hear our prayer.

- *the celebrant adds a concluding collect*

Hasten, O God, the day when people will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in your kingdom and we shall see your Christ in glory. Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Confession • *bidden by the deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

• *said by all*

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 our Savior 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.

Absolution • *declared by the celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

The Peace • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday Prayer • *said by all*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer • *said by all*

O gracious and everling God, look mercifully on your servants, who celebrate the anniversary of their marriage. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR



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Offertory Anthem *Sicut cervus*

G. P. da Palestrina

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.*

As a deer longs for springs of water,
so longs my soul for thee, O God.

— Psalm 42:1

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A • Expansive Language

celebrant people

God be with you. And al - so 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR

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.

OR

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

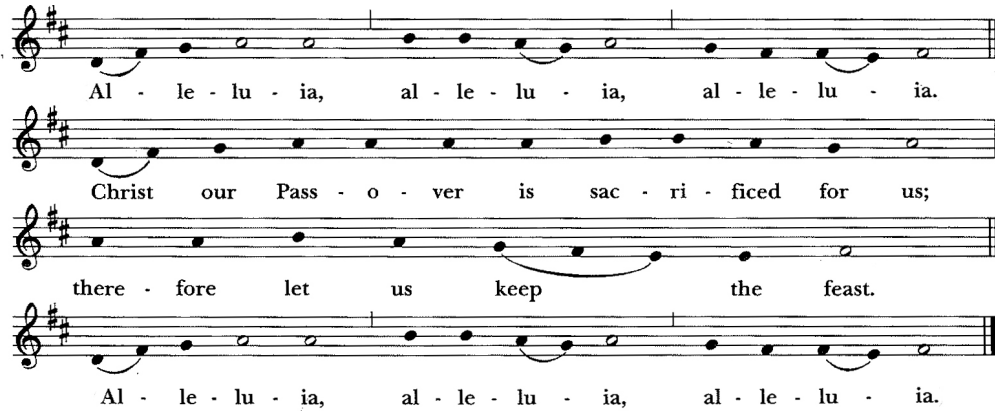
All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer • contemporary version

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Fraction Anthem • S 154



Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Invitation to Communion

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.

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*

An Act of Spiritual Communion • *for those attending virtually*

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing

- *priests will be stationed in the narthex (lobby) during the distribution of communion to offer Laying on of Hands for Healing, with the option of anointing with holy oil*
- *when a person receives this sacramental rite, the priest will lay their hands upon them and say one of the following*

N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain you with his presence, to drive away all sickness of body and spirit, and to give you that victory of life and peace which will enable you to serve him both now and evermore. Amen.

- *or this*

N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. Amen.

- *if the person is to be anointed, the Priest dips a thumb in the holy oil, and makes the sign of the cross on the sick person's forehead, saying*

N., I anoint you with oil in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- *the priest may add*

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our heavenly Father grant you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of his great mercy, may he forgive you your sins, release you from suffering, and restore you to wholeness and strength. May he deliver you from all evil, preserve you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 343 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine, thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937),
 after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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Sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

- *deacon*

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

- *people*

We are all one Body, for we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

- *all stand; said by all*

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Blessing

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 with among, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con-fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con-fess with one ac - cord _____

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, _____
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; _____
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, _____
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

10 10 10 with Alleluia

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
 Thanks be to God.

serving today . . .

The Rev. Charles Myers, *celebrant*
The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *preacher*
The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*
Austin Echols, *organist & choir director*
Kent Echler, Bryan Platt, *lectors*
Bill Strauss, *intercessor*
Kitten Lawless, John Werst, Brenda Runner, Jan Margerum, *eucharistic ministers*
Lea Ann Garbrough, Betty Lynn Williams, *eucharistic visitors*
Hunter Lumbatis, Blossom Marshall, Bill Shelton, *acolytes*
Patsy Melton, *altar guild*
Bobbie Fritton, Lea Ann Garbrough, Kirt Jacobs, *greeters/ushers*
Bing Jacobs, *bell ringer*



*... as for
me and my
household,
we will
serve the
Lord*

Joshua 24:15

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