

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021 - 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Reverend Robert Courtney, *Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*



It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Face masks are required. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube. Those seated in the front of the nave may briefly appear on camera.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY ~ Prelude, Fugue, et VariationCésar Franck

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #388 - O worship the King, all glorious above! *Hanover*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.*

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in excelsis*


1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo- ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven- ly King, al-


might- y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we


praise you for your glo- ry. 3. Lord Je- sus Christ,


on- ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you


take a- way the sin of the world: have mer- cy on us;


5. you are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther: re-

ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

THE FIRST LESSON ~ Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

The choir sings

PSALM 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

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| 1 | If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say; | 5 | Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us. |
| 2 | If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us; | 6 | Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. |
| 3 | Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us; | 7 | We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped. |
| 4 | Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us; | 8 | Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth. |

Setting: J. Harrison

THE SECOND LESSON ~ James 5:13-20

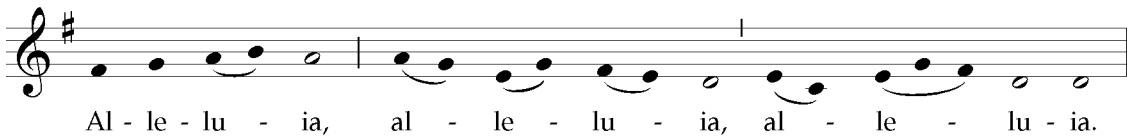
Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. Give me understanding, O Lord,
and I shall keep your law with all my heart. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Mark 9:38-50

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI

Prayer Book, Page 392

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 393

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

Lord, we beseech thee give ear unto our prayers: and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our hearts by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music: Adrian Batten (c 1591-c1637)

Text: A Collect

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book, Page 361

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* 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 him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

(Standing or Kneeling)

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

Prayer Book, Page 362

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *(said by all)*

Prayer Book, Page 363

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

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

During this time, we offer communion in one kind (bread only). Please come forward, maintaining physical distance, receive the wafer from the priest and return to your seat.

ANTHEM

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Words: Sarum Primer, 1514
Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

HYMN #609 ~ Where cross the crowded ways of life..... *Gardiner*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

THE BLESSING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Hymn: Gracious Spirit, give your servants

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a warm welcome to the clergy and people of St. Paul's Church as they recover from damage to their property during hurricane Ida.

Christian Formation

Children (ages 5 through 12) will gather Sunday mornings beginning at 9:55 am and return to their parents in church in time for communion. Getting to know Jesus through Bible stories, discussion, videos, and other activities.

High School and Middle School age Youth will gather on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 am service for time to build and strengthen their faith to face the challenges of their life through scripture study, insightful videos and sharing their understandings and fellowship.

The St. Francis Day Blessing of Pets takes place next Sunday, October 3 at 6:00 PM in the front yard.of the Cathedral.

Altar Flowers

Some people wonder why we have flowers in the Cathedral and Chapel some weeks and not others. Our Flower Guild loves arranging and providing flowers to enhance our worship in either or both spaces, and we have flowers whenever someone sponsors them. This can be as a memorial for someone who has died or in thanksgiving for a birthday, anniversary or other important occasion. We ask for a donation of \$80 to provide flowers in the Cathedral and \$45 for the Chapel. There are never flowers during the Season of Lent, and only greens during the season of Advent. If you would like to share in this ministry and see what dates are available, please contact Daniel at the Cathedral Office and he can put you in contact with a member of the Flower Guild.



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THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

SUNDAY

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:55 AM Christian Formation for Children

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

6:00 PM Evening Eucharist, Rite II (Cathedral)

MONDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Stuart Hall)

THURSDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SUNDAY

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:55 AM Christian Formation for Children

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

6:00 PM Evening Eucharist, Blessing of the Animals

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