



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A

September 20, 2026, 10am

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!
Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (the red book) and
also uses texts from Enriching Our Worship, a collection of supplemental
resources approved for use in The Episcopal Church.

Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin
and also the blue Hymnal in the pew rack.

*Children begin in service with their families, and will be invited to
Sunday School in Nieman Hall by Miss Kathryn.
The children will rejoin the service at the Peace.*

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE	<i>“Trumpet Tune on <i>The Ash Grove</i>”</i>	David Lasky
	organ	
PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>“Singing Songs of Expectation”</i> (Ton-y-Botel)	Hymnal 527
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION		BCP, p. 355
<i>Presider</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	
<i>People</i>	And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.	

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Lead Me Lord"

S. S. Wesley

Choirs

*Children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to join Miss Kathryn for Sunday School
in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at the Peace.*

Nursery care is available for children through age 4.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, P. 234

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

The people sit.

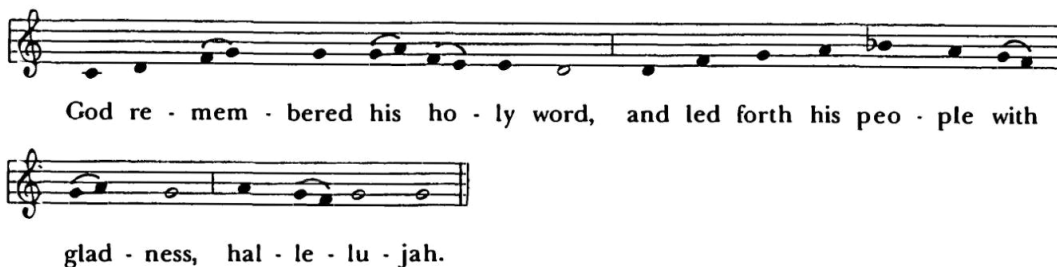
THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung first by choir and repeated by all, and as indicated.

Refrain:

- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them. *Refrain*
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places. *Refrain*
- 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah! *Refrain*

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

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

The people stand.

SEQUENCE ALLELUIA

*Sung by all, before and after
choir sings the verse.*

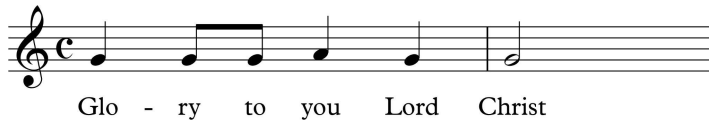
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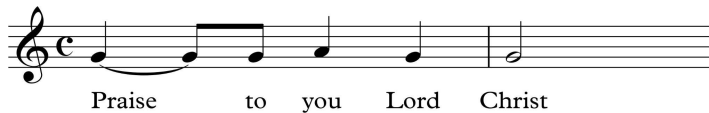
THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.



The people sit.

SERMON

The people 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Each petition concludes ... God of love,
People respond **hear our prayer.**

Leader " ...through Jesus Christ our Savior." **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel or sit

Presider and People

**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 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.**

After the Absolution is said, the people respond **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Sunday School Children join their families in church at this time.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“Be Still My Soul”

arr. C. Rand Matheson

(Sibelius)

Choir



*Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the
electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.*

[The people stand.]

PRESENTATION HYMN

"Bread of Heaven on
Thee We Feed"
(*Jesu du mein Hirt*)

Hymnal 323

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

Hymnal S-120

Presider *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider It is right and a good and joyful thing...
... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(*Rutter*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _

hea - ven 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.

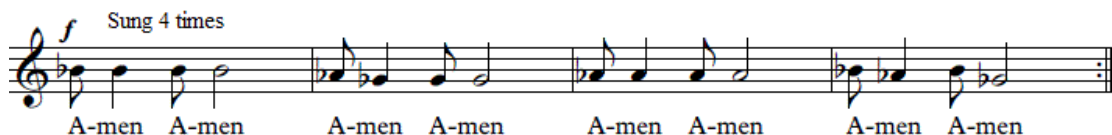
The people remain standing.

Presider Holy and gracious Father:...
...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

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

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption,...
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

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

All **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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider
Christ our Passover



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People



There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and drink from the cup.

Intinction – dipping the wafer in the wine – is not practiced.

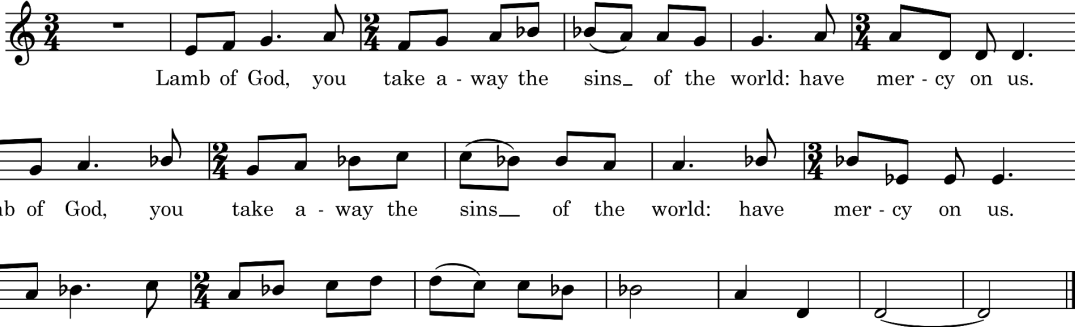
To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.

If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(Rutter)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the world: grant us peace.____

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Michael Burkhardt

organ

COMMUNION HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together”
(*Lauda Anima*)

Hymnal 325

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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

The Presider invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
(*Lauda anima*)

Hymnal 410

THE DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Raymond Haan

Grace Calendar Highlights

Youth Group after service in Nieman Hall

Mon, Sept 21, 7PM **Women's Book Group**, *The Correspondent*, Library

Sun, Sept 28, 11:15-Noon, **Confirmation Class**, *for grades 8 & up*

Sun, Oct 4, 10AM **Blessing of the Animals**, Church

Mon, Oct 5, 1PM **Blood Drive**, Grace Hall

Fri, Oct 9, 10:30AM **Funeral for Brian and Elizabeth Smith**, Church
Reception following in Grace Hall

Fri, Oct 9, 6PM **Friday Potluck**, Grace Hall

Sat, Oct 10, 11AM-3PM **Repair Café**, Grace Hall

Tues, Oct 13, 7PM **Men's Gathering**, Library

Sat, Oct 17, 6:30PM **Trivia Night & Silent Auction**, Grace Hall

Sun, Oct 18, 10AM **Bishop's Visitation**, Church

Mon, Oct 19, 7PM **Women's Book Group**, Library

Tues, Oct 20, 7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, contact Bruce Rudin

CONFIRMATION

for Grades 8 and up

Sessions begin on September 27 and are on Sundays from 11:15-noon throughout the program year.

Students will learn

- how to find peace
- a faith that works
- a life with purpose
- the value of serving others
- how church can help

*Speak with Father Robert or Mother Susan if your child
would like to be part of the class.*

Grace Prayer List

We pray for all who are in need, especially the Christ family, Ana, Joanne,
Michael, Marilyn, Toby, Paula, Jennifer,
Anne, Mark, Joe, Audrey, Amy, Wendy, Katie, Julian,
Ruth, David, Richard, Kackie, Marianne, Eloise, Croft,
Matt, John, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Brigitte, Sue.

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The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

Wardens

Heidi Griffiee

Chris Hauck

Worship Services

Holy Eucharist Services

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8:30AM Zoom

Saturday 8:30AM Zoom

Staff

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*

Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*

Eve Albiston, Hadley Bendelius, Cathleen Nunn,

& Annabelle Palmer, *Junior Head Choristers*

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Mary McManus, *Youth Ministries*

Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*

Dan Baulig, *Head Usher*

Audrey Bendelius, Frank Nunn, *Head Acolytes*

Michael Kostial, *Parish Administrator*

Susie Harris, *Communications*

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*

Jose Bonilla, *Sexton*