



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 21

September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Rector*

Tracey Forfa, *Seminarian*

The Rev. Eugene Wright, *Deacon*

Andrew Kullberg, *Minister of Music*

Jesse Velazquez, *Spanish Service Musical Director*

The Entrance Rite

Opening Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

George Frederic Handel

Hymn in Procession

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

The Hymnal 1982 #546

Siroë



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

Glory to God in the highest

Wonder, Love, and Praise #900

John Rutter

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, heav'n - ly
King, al - migh - ty God — and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship you — we give you
thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry. — Lord Je - sus Christ, —
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way — the
sin of the world; — have mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. — For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, — you a - lone are the Lord, — 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

Priest
People
Priest

The Lord 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.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Reader A reading from the book of Esther.

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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *

in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Reader A reading from the letter of the apostle St. James

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.

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

Hymn at the Sequence

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

The Hymnal 1982 #635

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Unison or harmony



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Ken Howard

The Nicene Creed

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 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. 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

We pray for comfort, healing, courage, and hope for **Judy Conroy, William Glick, Steve Heinig, Claude Stewart, Lucia Valenzuela, Isabella Rincon Noble, Helen Skowronski, Luis Pedron, Eric Harris, Sue Jenkins, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Nikka Hakimi, Eunice Jones, Vida Thompson and Andy Brizan, Julia Sampson**, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, as well as those on our extended healing prayer list.

We give thanks for the recent birthdays of **Eric Johnsen, Alex Diaz Guzman, John Buxton, Amaya Martial, Angie Hight Walker, Karin Mirin, Andrew Kiwanuka, Clark Didavi, Dora Kreitzer and Alice Padmore.**

Litany of Transition for Deacon Eugene

Priest: Eugene, you have assisted us in worship and set God's Holy table for us.

All: **Go with our blessing to feed and enliven the worship in another place.**

Lay Leader: Eugene, you have proclaimed to us the Good News of God's love and its power to transform our world.

All: **Go with our blessing to be a proclaimer of truth and grace in another place.**

Lay Leader: Eugene, you have helped us look beyond ourselves, to go out in mission, and welcome in the stranger.

All: **Go with our blessing to foster outreach with other flocks.**

Lay Leader: Eugene, you have prayed with us, visited us, consoled us, and helped us to grieve our departed.

All: **Go with our blessing to pastor for others.**

Lay Leader: Eugene, you have brought Christ's presence to us and helped us deepen our relationship with God in prayer and spiritual growth.

All: **Go with our blessing to guide another new flock to living water.**

Lay Leader: Eugene, you have discerned in us gifts for ministry, and have nurtured, encouraged us into service.

All: **Go with our blessing to help release gifts in other flocks.**

Lay Leader: Eugene, you have met with us and eaten with us and taken opportunities for us to laugh and celebrate as a family.

All: **Go with our blessing to bring your gifts of hospitality to a new flock.**

Archdeacon: Eugene, you have loved this congregation and invited them to love you. Because God is love, and God's love always adds and multiplies, it is never divided or taken away.

All: **We release you with our blessing to new ministries, confident that you will hold your love for us in your heart, as we will hold our love for you in ours.**

Time for people to speak words of appreciation

Archdeacon: The time has come to release your active role in the ministry of this congregation. Do you now surrender your tasks and ministry to others, trusting in God's provision for this congregation as you focus on discerning your next ministry?

Eugene: Yes. Be the saints of God I know you to be, to give and receive love with grace.

Archdeacon: What has been done has been done. What has not been done has not been done. Let it be. In Christ's name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory sentence

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Offertory Hymn (Sung by the Choir):

Treasures in Heaven

Joseph C. Clokey

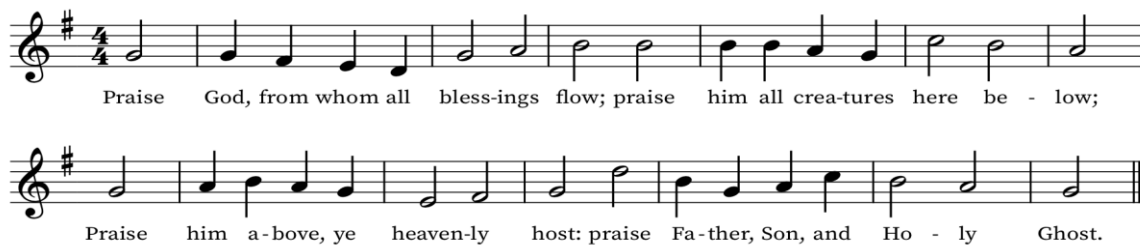
(Please do not place pledge forms in the offertory plates at this time)

Doxology

From all that dwell below the skies

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (verse 3)

Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All present are asked to bring their pledge forms forward at this time, and place them in the offering plates in the altar area.

The Holy Communion

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 him thanks and praise.**

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.

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.

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Wonder, Love, and Praise #858

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. _ God of pow-er and might, _
heaven and earth _ are full of you 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. _ Ho - san - na in _ the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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

Fraction Anthem

Be known to us

Wonder, Love, and Praise #875

Gary James

Be _ known to _ us, Lord _ Je - sus, in the break - ing _ of the bread. Be _

bread. The _ bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, _ is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of

Christ. Be _ known to _ us, Lord _ Je - sus, in the break - ing _ of the bread. One _

bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share _ one _ bread. Be _

known to _ us, Lord _ Je - sus, in the break - ing _ of the bread.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Where cross the crowded ways of life

The Hymnal 1982 #609 Verses 1, 4-5

Gardiner

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living 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 Blessing

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the one who made us, who journeys with us, who breathes us into life moment by moment, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

The Hymnal 1982 #344

Sicilian Mariners

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

Closing Voluntary

Tuba Tune

Craig Seller Lang

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