



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

PRELUDE *When I survey the wondrous cross*

ENTRANCE HYMN *The Church's one foundation* Hymnal 525

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.*

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The following is sung, all standing

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.

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.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-14

Remain seated.

- ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and planted it.
⁹You prepared the ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the land.
¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow *
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
 and its branches to the River.

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

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

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

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.

Silence may follow.

ORGAN INTERLUDE

The Solid Rock

Alleluia III 93

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

All stand.

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

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.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Deacon John Talbert

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

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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:
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

Celebrant: Gracious Creator, you have planted your people in a fertile world and called us to be faithful stewards and fruitful servants: Hear us as we call upon you on behalf of all your creatures, saying: Turn now, O God of hosts; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Litanist: Loving One, you have planted the Church as the branches of Christ the Vine so that the mountains and trees may be covered by its boughs, and its tendrils stretch to the Sea: Nourish us to be people who produce the fruits of your kingdom. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; John, our Deacon and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

Turn now, O God of hosts;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

Nurture our nation that our confidence may not be in the flesh or in our own powers but in the righteousness from God that is based on faith. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

Turn now, O God of hosts;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

Do not remove the hedge and wall of protection from around humanity; tend and protect all who live in places of injustice and violence.

Turn now, O God of hosts;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

May this community know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death and attaining the resurrection from the dead. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioners Chris and John.

Turn now, O God of hosts;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

Pour the abundance of your mercy upon those for whom we pray in intercession, especially our parishioners Cal, Mike, Biff, Rick, Betty, Doris, Ann, Al, Fred, David, Ivey, Bob, the Waggoner Family, the Rt. Rev. Charles Duvall and all on our prayer list.

Hear our song of thanksgiving and love, as we pray to you with grateful hearts.

Grant to all who have died to receive the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Turn now, O God of hosts;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants that their weakness

may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name.

Turn now, O God of hosts;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified.

Turn now, O God of hosts;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

Celebrant: Watch over your people with providence and grace, O Compassionate One, and be a strong watchtower to keep us safe, that we may join in the work of your Son to bring forth justice and peace in a violent and divided world, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

THE PEACE

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All stand.

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another
in the name of the Lord staying in their places.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY INSTRUMENTAL

Fight the good fight with all thy might

Hymnal 552

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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The People remain standing.

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.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

The People stand or kneel.

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.

He 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 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 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION

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Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

DISTRIBUTION

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The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people in their places.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown

Voices Found 126

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord of the Dance

Alleluia III 111

DISMISSAL

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Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please remain in your seats until an usher instructs you to exit.

Thank you for your patience.

POSTLUDE

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Hymnal 636

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

Those for whom we pray: Cal Hanson, Mike Minchew, Biff Johnson, Rick Brandon, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Billy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Kevin Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Roy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), **Betty Huechtker,** Betty Thomas (Lillian Bemis), **Doris Bryant,** Melody Taylor (Lillian Bemis), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Marty Halliday (Karen Anderson), Danelle Lee Pigott (Laura Pigott), Sam Gilfillan (Christine Ashley), Chris Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Allie Marcoccia (Kathy Bowers), Nancy Wells (Kay Bradley), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), **Ann Gurney, Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner,** Karen Foster (Ashby Jones), **David Adams,** Brian Cooke (Bev Williams), Bray Family (Rhonda Barber), Martha Cole (Courtney Gibb), Bernice Waddell (Marilyn Quinn), Bobby McGurk (Karen Anderson), Ross Ashley (Wiley & Christine Ashley), Pat Richeson (Kathy Bowers), Bruce Austin (Rick & Ellie Brandon), Beverly & David Rivers (Evie Loftin), Daniel Kilgore (Barbara Smith), Clint, Easton & Brooklyn Jaeger (Alan Jaeger), Barbara McCurdy (Pam Huerd), LeAnne Rendleman (Jim & Cyndi Hill), **Ivee Lowry,** Mike McKlintock (Rick & Ellie Brandon), **Bob Branch, Waggoner Family,** Gayle Pierce (John Butterick), The Rt. Rev. Charles Duvall

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In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries: Sara Walker & Bob Swartz (8th)

In Thanksgiving for Expectant Mothers: Katie Goodwin (Jim & Cyndi Hill)

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