

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

~ Proper 21 ~

Prelude

Opening Hymn: 359, vv. 1, 5 "God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs!" *Toulon*

God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs!
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast:
each age for thine own solemn task prepares,
make each one stronger, nobler than the last.

Make them apostles, heralds of thy cross;
Forth may they go to tell all realms thy grace:
inspired of thee, may they count all but loss,
and stand at last with joy before thy face.

The Word of God

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

Celebrant: 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.**

The Gloria

**Glory be 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.**

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 Lessons

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Psalm 19:7-14

Caeli enarrant

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: 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.

Sequence Hymn 609, vss. 1, 3

Gardiner

“Where cross the crowded ways of life”

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.

The cup of water given for thee still holds the freshness of thy grace;
yet long these multitudes to see the true compassion of thy face.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

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 Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

Prayers of the People ~ Form IV (BCP: 388)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

(Please kneel or sit as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome, Birthday and Anniversary Prayer, and Announcements

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Allemande from "French Suite #5 in G Major"
Susan Scranton, Piano

J.S. Bach

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

(Please stand as you are able)

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. 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

**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.

(Please kneel or sit as you are able)

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.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: 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.

While communion is being received, the following prayer for Spiritual Communion may be said by those who are worshiping with us online:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. [St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787; from Bishop Curry]

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

Recessional Hymn: 344

Sicilian Mariners

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing: fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;

So that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



The flowers are given to the
Glory of God by Janese & Bill Grady
in celebration of their
44th wedding anniversary.



Participants in Today's Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Susan Scranton
LEM: Pam Bryant
Lectors: Janet Kawamoto, Frank Boyd, David Aldrete
Pianist: Susan Scranton
Video Services: Wayne Kawamoto
Assistant: Nathaniel Olmos
Produced by: Rick Sandona
Flower Guild: Kathy Seielstad, Susie Seielstad
Altar Guild: Patricia Meyer, A.J. Roberts, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady
Suzy Hageman
Ushers: Alex McKenzie, Frank Hageman
Bulletin Editor: Nancy Rice
Vestry Person of the Week: Bobbi Patterson



Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2021

Rev. Susan L. Scranton
Todd Rice - Senior Warden, Hannah Palpant - Junior Warden
Karen Cleland - Treasurer
Jared Anders, Kathi Ferris, Laurel McKenzie, Rosann Kindt,
Bobbi Patterson, Debbie Pullen, Pat McAlmond

September & October Birthdays

26 – Kelsey McKenzie	14 – Stacey Aldrete	23 - Andrew Grimaldi
30 - Jon Sharp	20 – Rick Sandona	26 - Cathy St. Onge
1 – Gregg Martin	22 – Travis Lippert	30 – Karl Davis
8 – Janet Kawamoto	23 – Alysha Kawamoto	30 – Barbara Dexter
11 – Mizuki Williamson	23 – Tim Seielstad	30 – Peter Stacy

September Wedding Anniversaries

Janese and Bill Grady – 24 ~ Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11
Donna and George Petrokowitz ~ Melanie and Guillermo Moreno

October Wedding Anniversaries

Catie and Jared Anders – 10 ~ Ann and Doug Jones – 29 ~ Sonja and Randy Lakin – 17
Laurel and Alex McKenzie ~ Frances and Don Stocking – 30



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Tess Marinian, Ted Anderson, Ron Gonzales, Ann Jones, Frances Stocking, Michael Gamble, Jennifer Jones, Tamara Bouchey, Judy Webster, Joey Brown, Don Baxter, Steve Emmett, Micah Palpant, Nathan, Father Bain, Matthew Hageman, Paul & Ruthie Hatcher, Loren Rettle, Arlene Flach, Lacey G., Donna Petrokowitz, Jennie Grigolla, Harry Ernest Critzer, Beth Owen, Hannah Pine, Marshall Meyer, Patricia Meyer, Solomon & Malcolm, Roberta Wolfe, Doug Rice, Lois Loughery, Zhea LeClair, Andrew Benardini, Dawn Mellon, Carrie Dixon, Sherry McKeithen, Kevin Joy, Arlene Flach, Jennie Phillips

For comfort & guidance: Jean Beaulieu, Mandy, John & Family, Kevin, Don Lockery, Susan K.,
Theresa Proctor, Marylyn Brown, Linda Rice, Shirley Reeves, Katelyn

For those who have died: Kay Slepr, Herschel Green, John Hageman, Hank Montoya, Merle Chansler

For those in mourning: Susan Sherman and Carol Winship, Ann Green, Frank & Suzy Hageman, Kathy & Jerry Seielstad, Huss & Chansler Families

For those serving in the military: Addison Hoffman ~ U.S. Army, Wyatt Helmer U.S. Navy Seabees, Josh ~ U.S. Marine Corps, C.J. Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy (Glendora Residents), Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of our Ministries ~ Today after the 10 AM service we will have a BBQ

Picnic on our front lawn. Please join us for a BBQ after-church in celebration of our ministries. You may bring a blanket, your own chairs or use the available chairs at church. Food will be served in a boxed lunch fashion, as it was on Pentecost Sunday. Each person will receive a hamburger/cheeseburger or hot dog, sides, dessert, condiments, and a drink.

Adopt-A-Lunch ~ Today after the 10 AM service. Please remember to bring the food items you signed up to bring. We will make the sandwiches and pack them after the 10:00 AM service in Baxter Hall.

The Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 3 at 10:00 AM on the Front Lawn
Our Annual Blessing of the Animals is back this year after a drive-thru event last year. You are invited to bring your beloved animals to receive a blessing at our outside service of Morning Prayer. With plenty of space on our wonderful front yard, you and your animals will be able to enjoy the beauty of God's nature. The service will be short, with the emphasis on the individual blessings. There also will be a memorial wall to remember our beloved pets who are now in heaven with God. Feel free to bring pictures. Hospitality for humans and animals will follow the service.

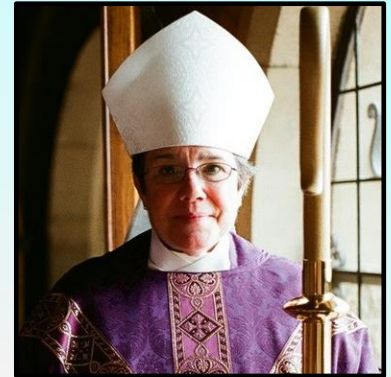
(Note: the 8:00 AM service will be an indoor service of Holy Communion without animals.)

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Festive Service and Confirmation with Bishop Diane Bruce

~ Saturday, October 30 at 1:00 PM ~

Please save the date of Saturday, October 30 for a very special service with Bishop Bruce. Bishop Diane has made special arrangements to be with us for worship and confirmation before she leaves our diocese to assume the position of Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Western Missouri.



~ We will consider this Saturday service to be the primary service of the weekend ~

Only one service will be offered on Sunday, October 31, and that only if necessary.

Please come, enjoy the Bishop, support our confirmands, and have a chance to say “thank you and good-bye” to Bishop Diane.