



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude: Intermezzo

Flor Peeters

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 400

(Stanzas 1, 4-5, 7)

Lasst uns erfreuen



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright
4 way, O ——— praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All
5 part, O ——— sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All
7 ness, O ——— praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise



1 burn - ing sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
4 flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 you that pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
7 God the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O ——— praise him, O ——— praise him, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Song of Praise: S-278 (Glory to God)

William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. _____

Lord God, heaven - 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.

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

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

A reading from Genesis (2:18–24)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 2

Commentary:

Genesis 2:7 tells us that God formed Adam with loving care from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him. However, Adam’s creation was not complete because he lacked a ‘helper’ who corresponded to him, a condition the Lord would now rectify. The creation of humankind required both a male and female to make it ‘good’ in God’s sight. God not only made Eve to be a suitable companion for Adam, God presented her to him as a gift. Adam rejoiced greatly in the partner God had made for him because he recognized that Eve provided his ideal counterpart for life in this world.

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was

its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Antiphon *(The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)*



O Lord our Gov-ern-or, how ex-alt-ed is your Name in all the world!

Psalm chant



All sing the psalm verses and repeated antiphon.

Out of the mouths of infants and / **children** *
 your majesty is praised above the / **heavens**.
 You have set up a stronghold against your / **adversaries**, *
 to quell the enemy and the a-/**venger**.

ANTIPHON

When I consider your heavens, the work of your / **fingers**, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their / **courses**,
 What is man that you should be mindful of / **him**? *
 the son of man that you should seek him / **out**?

ANTIPHON

You have made him but little lower than the / **angels**; *
 you adorn him with glory and / **honor**;
 You give him mastery over the works of your / **hands**; *
 you put all things under his / **feet**:

ANTIPHON

All sheep and / **oxen**, *
 even the wild beasts of the / **field**,
 The birds of the air, the fish of the / **sea**, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the / **sea**.

ANTIPHON

A reading from Hebrews (1:1–4, 2:5–12)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1091

Commentary:

This epistle was originally written to Jewish Christians, people who were well versed in the customs and institutions of Judaism. The theme of Hebrews is the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ. The epistle begins with an affirmation of Christ's greatness, presenting God's Son as superior to all previous modes of revelation. Jesus not only declares the Father's message, He is the Father's message. Jesus' humanity and death enabled Him to regain humanity's lost dominion, something angels could never accomplish. Although believers do not yet see Jesus glorified on earth we do see Him, with eyes of faith, glorified in heaven. Because Jesus' path to glory led Him to suffer, He is more perfectly able to help us as we suffer. Believers can enjoy intimate fellowship with Jesus, who is not ashamed to identify with us.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?"

(continued overleaf)

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 483

St. Magnus



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
 2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
 3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
 4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
 5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,
 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him:



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
 3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his Name to know.
 4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
 5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.
 6 his peo - ple's hope, his peo - ple's wealth, their e - ver - last - ing theme.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2–16

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 923

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

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 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

The response to each petition:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Sung by the choir*

American folksong, arr. J. Sullivan

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, tho' far-off hymn
That hails a new creation;
Thro' all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul,
How can I keep from singing?

What tho' my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth;
What tho' the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it;
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his,
How can I keep from singing?

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C (*BCP p. 369*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Hymn 698

Flentge

1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need

I know not how to ask or what to say;
help me to see your pur - pose and your will -
to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;

I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured -

and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest 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

Hymn 559

Dulce carmen



Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem - pes - tuous sea;
Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness thou dost know;
Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with heaven - ly joy;



guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,
thou didst tread this earth be - fore us; thou didst feel its keen - est woe;
love with e - very pas - sion blend - ing plea - sure that can ne - ver cloy;



yet pos - ses - sing ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
yet un - fear - ing, per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
thus pro - vi - ded, par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Voluntary

John James



Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Lee Jose

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Alexander "Sandy" Johnston.*

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