

**September 26, 2021: The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Opening Voluntary:** Andante

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**The Entrance Hymn: 709 O God of Bethel, by whose hand**



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;  
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:  
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan-dering foot - steps guide;  
4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,  
5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:  
2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.  
3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.  
4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!  
5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

**The Word of God (page 355 BCP)**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**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.**



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



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



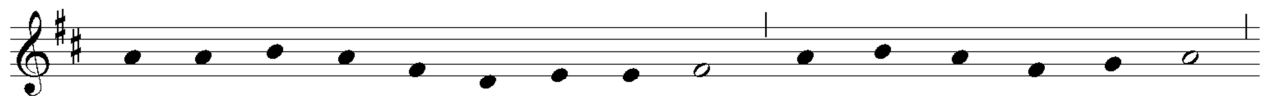
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. 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 of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

**All: 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**

*Please be seated*

### **The First Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22**

Reader: A Reading from 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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm: 124** *(Said in unison)*

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**The Second Reading: James 5:13-20**

The Reader: A reading from 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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gradual Hymn: 609 Where cross the crowded ways of life**



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.

## **The Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

*Please stand.*

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All:** **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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

*Please be seated.*

### **The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)**

*Please 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** (*Intercessions for the Christian People*)

Intercessor: We have heard today of the cost of discipleship. That we may be empowered to bear the name of Christ, let us pray for ourselves and for the whole world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: The church of God is fragmented; we need the healing of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the church.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: The world cries out for an increase of justice and for an end to war. Let us pray for the world.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Our country is striving for equality and a better life for all its citizens. Let us pray for our nation.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Our community seeks a better sense of its gifts and more wisdom about its problems. Let us pray for our community.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We know many people who are sick and suffering, who have public hurt or private pain. [We pray especially for N.] Let us pray for all in need.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Our lives have been enriched by the lives of all those like [N.,] Moses, the elders, and the disciples who have gone before us in the faith. Let us pray for grace to be disciples.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We are thirsty, O merciful God; give us a cup of water to drink. Hear our prayers and answer our cries of need through your Son, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin (BCP p. 359)**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: 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**

*Please pass the pass by nodding or bowing to those around you. Please do not shake hands or hug any other worshippers.*



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

**All: And also with you.**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**The Offertory Hymn: WLP782 Gracious Spirit, give your servants (*over*)**

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's  
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our  
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -  
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,  
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture  
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,  
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of  
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -  
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and  
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in your

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and  
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior  
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -  
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.  
and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.  
ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.  
world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

### **The Presentation Hymn: 380 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be -

low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP, p. 367)**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

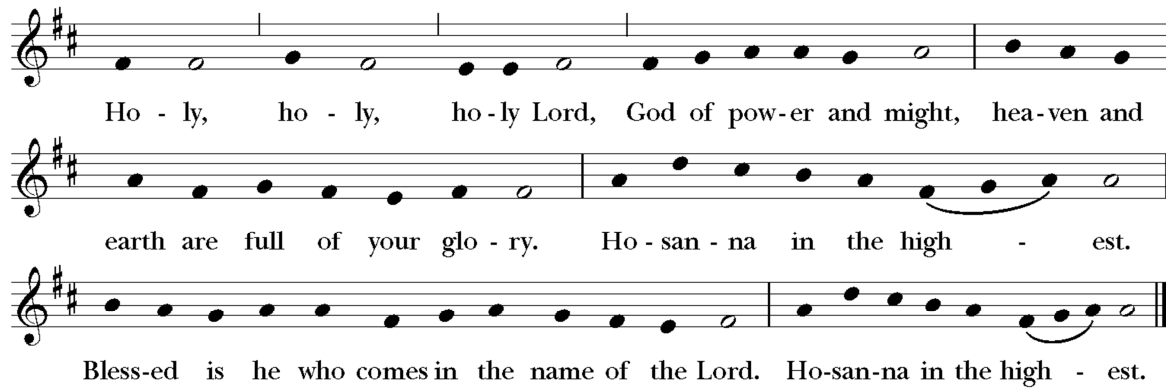
**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:** 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, 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,

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

**Celebrant:** 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,

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**All: 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.

**Communion Hymns**

**WLP825 Bless the Lord my soul** (*over*)

**343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless** (*over*)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

### The Postcommunion Prayer (BCP p. 365)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

**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 Celebrant Blesses the People.*

### Recessional Hymn: 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

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.

### The Dismissal

*The Celebrant dismisses the congregation and everyone responds:*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Voluntary:** Postlude

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