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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 † 9:30AM

PRELUDE

Andante in E♭, Ludwig Neuhoﬀ

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN



Guide me, Hymnal 1982, 690

OPENING ACCLAMATION



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

Officiant 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE



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All 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 glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant 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



THE FIRST LESSON



Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

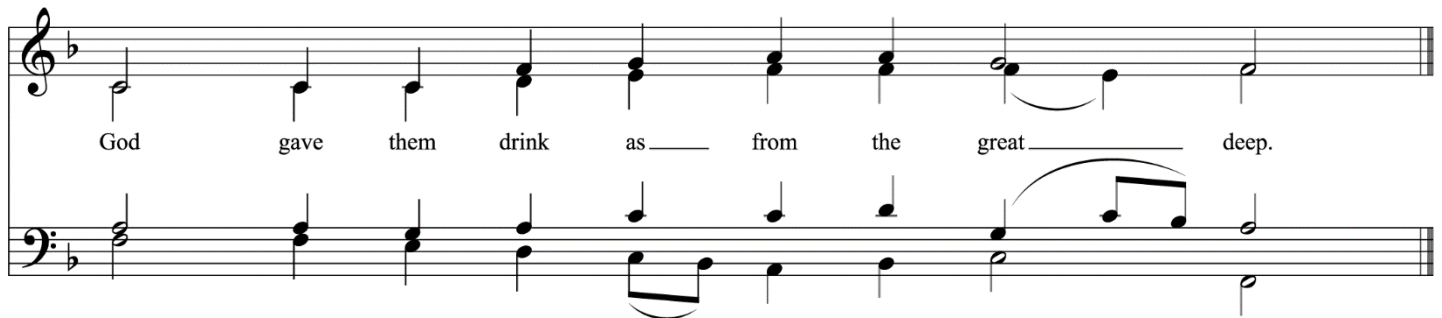
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE



Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

All Sing Antiphon



¹ Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

Antiphon

³ That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

- ⁴ We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

Antiphon

- ¹² He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

- ¹³ He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

Antiphon

- ¹⁴ He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

- ¹⁵ He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

- ¹⁶ He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Antiphon

THE NEW TESTAMENT



Philippians 2:1-13

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN



Surely it is God, Hymnal 1982, 678

Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear. For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near. So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring; in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim. Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell, in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.



Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

THE SERMON



The Rev. Dr. Richard Yale

THE NICENE CREED



All 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  *All remain standing.* Form III, BCP, p. 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People ***That we all may be one.***

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest.
People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Intercessor We pray for peace in our world, especially Ukraine, Iran, Lebanon, Israel and Gaza, and for the safety of our own homes and streets.

Intercessor We beseech the mercy of God for protection against wildfire and disaster, for the safety and success of our firefighters and first responders, for comfort for those who have suffered loss, and for hope in times of danger and trouble.

Intercessor We pray for all who face discrimination, for who they are or where they are from, and we pray for the grace to love one another fully, and serve one another boldly.

Intercessor We pray for rest and refreshment in this summer season and for safe travels for all those who set out to enjoy the bounty of our world and the beauty of creation.

Intercessor We pray for Fr. Aidan on his sabbatical journey, and for our Vestry, Wardens, and staff, as they lead us forward in faith and love.

Intercessor We pray for the renewal of our parish life. May we shine with new joy and new life.

Silence

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

CONFESSIO OF SIN

Presider 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.**

Presider 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



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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

BCP p. 830

Watch over thy child, 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 heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM



We are not alone, Pepper Choplin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Remain standing, as able

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider inserts a proper preface here...

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:

Presider and People say:

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**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.

Presider 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:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider 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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

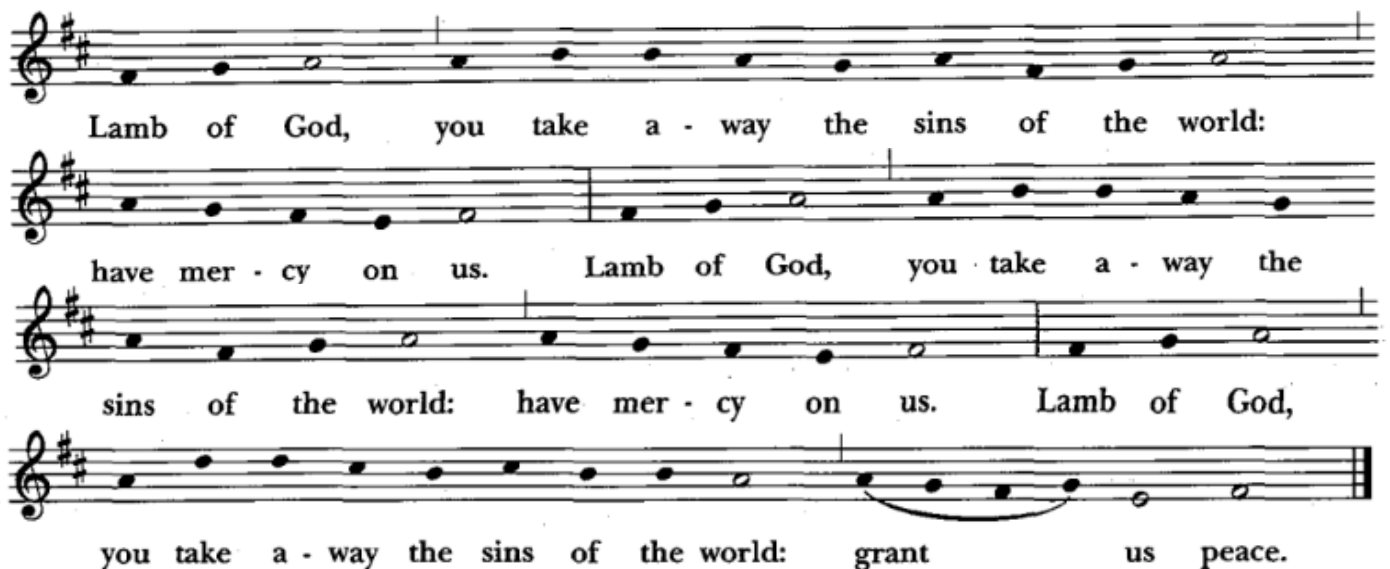
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

AT THE FRACTION

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Presider says the following Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of your denomination or church affiliation, are invited to come forward to receive communion. As you come forward, place your hands out in front of you to receive the Body of Christ in your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available, just whisper to our Presider that this is your wish. Those with mobility issues may also receive communion in your pew rather than needing to come forward. Please indicate to the ushers that this is your wish, and our Presider will bring communion to you.

If you would like to receive the Blood of Christ by intinction (having the bread dipped into the wine, without sipping directly from the cup), point to the chalice. The Presider will dip the wafer into the wine then hold it out to you to take a dry corner in your fingers. Please then step aside to consume the sacrament. If you would just like to receive the bread, cross your palms in front of you to receive the Body of Christ. If you would like to receive from the chalice, you may receive the bread in your palm and consume it, then step toward the chalice to receive the Blood of Christ.

If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to remain in your pew or come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the Presider will offer a blessing in the name of our Lord. If you are not baptized, but feel drawn to the sacraments and wish to receive, that is a holy longing! Please reach out to Fr. Aidan or our church office to discern whether you wish to be baptized and explore new life in Christ. For any who choose not to receive communion for reasons of comfort or conscience, please know that we are enriched by your prayers and presence with us, and we are delighted you are here today.

COMMUNION MUSIC



*Priere (Prayer), H.B. Weatherdon
To God with gladness sing, Hymnal 1982, 399*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider 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 FINAL BLESSING

Presider May the peace, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

Sing, ye faithful, Hymnal 1982, 492

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation may exit or remain to enjoy the postlude as desired.

 or 

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Sing praise to our Creator, Camil van Hulse

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