



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist with the Prayer for Spiritual Communion

September 6, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning

Prelude Prelude in E flat

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The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The 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.

All join in singing the hymn

Hymn 174 At the lamb's high feast

SALZBURG

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be -neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

The Collect for the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Lesson from Hebrew Scripture Exodus 12:1-14

The Lector says A reading from the Book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Lector says The word of the Lord.

The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silent reflection follows the reading

The people say the verses in bold

Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people.
 Hallelujah!

The Epistle Romans 13:8-14

The Lector says A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Lector says The word of the Lord. *The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

All say together

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 became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Let us pray.

Written by
The Rev. Deacon Mark Dawson

O God of Grace, imbue your Church with your Spirit so we can respond to the needs present in this moment, and so complete the mission you have entrusted into our hands.

O God, guide us with your grace.

O God of Justice, in these times when wise leadership is so needed, give us, your citizens of the Reign of God, the courage to challenge and demand better and best, for all.

O God, join us in your justice.

O God of Mercy, who knows the movement of every creature, remind us of our responsibility to be good stewards of the bounty you have so generously shared with us.

O God, make us of your mercy.

O God of Grace, look over all those on the front lines of fighting this global pandemic; keep the care-givers safe; give wisdom to the researchers and scientists; heal the sick.

O God, guide us with your grace.

O God of Justice, never let us forget that all are welcome at the table around which you gather us, regardless of color or creed, place of birth or point of arrival, knowing that all are welcome.

O God, join us in your justice.

O God of Mercy, who promises comfort to those who grieve and presence to those who celebrate, draw near to those we name before you [*petitions are offered*].

O God, make us of your mercy.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: On this Labor Day weekend, be present with your people where they work and especially those who are unemployed; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

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

The Peace *All stand and greet each other in the name of Christ.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS S-130

SCHUBERT

1.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

2.

... might, ... hea - ven and earth are full, ... full in the ...

Bless - ed is he who comes ... in the ...

... of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the ...

... name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Edmund and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Fraction

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.

Celebrant Let us pray together,
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.

Anthem

Wherever You Go

David Haas

Kelly Krantz, Alto

*Come, set me like a seal upon your heart, a seal protecting your arm.
Deep waters cannot quench this love; the ocean will not sweep it away.*

*Arise, my beloved, come to me; the rains are gone, the winter is past.
The flowers appear, the vines are pruned, and the doves' song is heard in our land.*

*Wherever you stay, I will stay; your people will be my people.
Wherever you die, so will I die with you in the arms of God.*

Refrain:

*Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live I'll be with you.
Wherever you lie, I'll be there beside you; wherever you go I'll be there.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with your spiritual presence through the body and blood of your son our savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him to you and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

*Deacon
People*

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Recessional (Allegro)

Georg Frideric Handel

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*The flowers and candles on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God
By St. Edmund's Altar Guild.*

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Annual Fall Fundraiser

Hopefully you all received the email last week asking for your help in getting this year's Fall Fundraiser up and running! Due to the ever present Covid landscape, it will be held on line on Zoom on Sunday September 27th at 5 pm with raffle prizes, goody bags and entertainment. Plus a live auction with some terrific items. Some have already been donated but we need more!

You can donate anything from gift cards, to homemade crafts or foods. If you have a talent you would like to share, whether it be a yoga lesson for someone, or a language lesson, we are looking for creative ideas. Sara E. is part of the fundraising committee coordinating the donations. Her email and phone were included in the email sent out last week. So let her hear from you please! During these challenging times, the fundraiser is even more important in keeping St. Edmund's a vibrant presence in our lives and in the community!

Don't forget to Join us weeknights for *Compline*

The service of *Compline* is offered on the Saint Edmunds Facebook page live Monday thru Friday from 7:30pm-7:45pm. This is a short prayer service found in The Book of Common Prayer (p. 127) meant to provide peace and assurance of God's presence as we begin to settle in for the evening. If you do not have a Book of Common Prayer, download a pdf version here: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/book_of_common_prayer.pdf

Participants in Today's Service

The Rev. Jenifer M. Chatfield, *Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Canon Judith Heffron, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Mark Dawson, *Deacon*

The Rev. Heather Blackstone UCC, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Robert Hovencamp, *Organist/Choir Master*

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