



✠ Holy Eucharist ✠

Pentecost XVIII (18) Sunday

– October 4, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m. –

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

These Are the Holy Ten Commands (J. S. Bach)

Opening Hymn #686

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ, our Lord. *AMEN.*

Gloria In Excelsis

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 the glory of God the Father. *AMEN.*

The Collect of the Day

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.*

"A reading from the Book of Exodus"

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." *"The Word of the Lord." "Thanks be to God."*

"Psalm 19 is appointed for today."

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.** Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, **Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.** In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.** The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.** The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.** By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. **Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.** 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. **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

“A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.”

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

“The Word of the Lord.” ***“Thanks be to God.”***

Gradual Hymn #458 My Song Is Love Unknown

Matthew 21:33-46

“The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.” **“Glory to you Lord Christ.”**

Jesus said, “LISTEN TO ANOTHER PARABLE. THERE WAS A LANDOWNER WHO PLANTED A VINEYARD, PUT A FENCE AROUND IT, DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A WATCHTOWER. THEN HE LEASED IT TO TENANTS AND WENT TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. WHEN THE HARVEST TIME HAD COME, HE SENT HIS SLAVES TO THE TENANTS TO COLLECT HIS PRODUCE. BUT THE TENANTS SEIZED HIS SLAVES AND BEAT ONE, KILLED ANOTHER, AND STONED ANOTHER. AGAIN HE SENT OTHER SLAVES, MORE THAN THE FIRST; AND THEY TREATED THEM IN THE SAME WAY. FINALLY HE SENT HIS SON TO THEM, SAYING, ‘THEY WILL RESPECT MY SON.’ BUT WHEN THE TENANTS SAW THE SON, THEY SAID TO THEMSELVES, ‘THIS IS THE HEIR; COME, LET US KILL HIM AND GET HIS INHERITANCE.’” SO THEY SEIZED HIM, THREW HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD, AND KILLED HIM. NOW WHEN THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD COMES, WHAT WILL HE DO TO THOSE TENANTS?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “HAVE YOU NEVER READ IN THE SCRIPTURES: ‘THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE; THIS WAS THE LORD’S DOING, AND IT IS AMAZING IN OUR EYES’? THEREFORE I TELL YOU, THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU AND GIVEN TO

A PEOPLE THAT PRODUCES THE FRUITS OF THE KINGDOM. THE ONE WHO FALLS ON THIS STONE WILL BE BROKEN TO PIECES; AND IT WILL CRUSH ANYONE ON WHOM IT FALLS.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

“The Gospel of the Lord.” “Praise to you Lord Christ.”

Sermon The Interim Rector

“And now let us join together in reaffirming our faith as stated in the Nicene Creed.”

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 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 (ADAPTED FOR ST. FRANCIS DAY FROM THE DIOCESE OF OLYMPIA)

O God, whose name is Love, you created this world and all that is in it. We ask you to look with compassion and mercy upon us all. Look upon your wild creatures, O God, which delight us by their variety and beauty. Be with them in their struggle for existence, and shelter them from the natural and human dangers which surround them.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Look upon the companion animals, O God, which share our homes and our lives, and which show us a love and loyalty few people can surpass. Bless them for the pleasure and companionship they give, and protect all those who suffer cruelty and neglect.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Look, especially, O God, upon all those your creatures who suffer at the hands of humans in laboratories, factory farms, slaughterhouses, traps, sport, and entertainment. Be with them in their fear, pain and suffering, and hold them in your loving hands.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Look upon men and women, O God, your creation with love and mercy. Forgive us our selfishness and cruelty and lead us gently back into your way of love. Transform our hearts until they truly reflect the way shown to us by your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, whose love was perfect and who loved to the end that he gave his own life for us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Forgive us our bitterness against those who abuse your creation, for Christ taught us to forgive, even as he forgave. Yet change the hearts of all who use animals with cruelty so that they may be filled with your love and mercy. Inspire all governments, and those in authority, to change the direction of medical research and food production, and to bring an end by law to all animal abuse.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide us all by your Holy Spirit into his transforming way of truth and love, and nurture in us a Christ-like spirit of compassion which is boundless and perfect. O God, we await the coming of your Kingdom, in our hearts and in your world.

Silence & The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Confession & Absolution

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Response 380 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks, because you have raised up our father Francis to be as a shining light in your church, that, inflamed with love for you and the whole of your creation, and bearing in his body the marks of your Son's passion, he might bring to glory many sons and daughters. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus

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.

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, and 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 God, **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.** 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 St. Mark and 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.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

The Invitation

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion

Communion Hymn *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (LEVAS 226)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious 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 for ever. AMEN.

Closing Hymn

Just a Little Talk With Jesus (LEVAS 83)

THE BLESSING

Postlude

Fanfare (C. S. Lang)



OUR WORSHIP IS OVER, OUR SERVICE BEGINS

** In the spirit of Jesus Christ this church extends a cordial welcome to all persons regardless of age, economic or marital status, gender or sexual orientation.*

VESTRY

Pia Delvaille (Warden)
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Chuck Gregory
Betty Robinson

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher & Celebrant: The Interim Rector **Lectors:** Karen Richardson, Harry Richardson
Intercessor: Jim Sentman **Camera:** Chuck Gregory

JOYS & CONCERNS

Caroline Courtney	Linda Dunkerley	Jon Floria	Nancy Carter
Shannon Guerin	Tara Henley	Susan Leerstang	Ralph Olmeda
David Cuthbertson	Douglas Reynolds	Marjorie Roper	Robert Spileos
Shari Streeter	Lindy Weaver	Nayim Carter	Ronald Hayde
John Cannon	Toni & John McCormick	Sally & Richard O'Loughlin	Cynthia & Ken Williams
Pam & Tom Clark	Yuseny Segovia	Parker Austin D'Angiolillo	Toni McCormick

CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH DONATIONS

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PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for St. Mark's parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ABOUT ST. FRANCIS

Born Giovanni Francesco di Bernardone in either 1181 OR 1182 - October 3, 1226. Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant in Assisi, and fought as a soldier. While in battle in 1204, Francis had a vision that directed him back to Assisi, where he began preaching on the streets, and soon amassed a following. He founded the men's Franciscan Order, the women's Order of St. Clare. His order was endorsed by the Pope (Innocent III) in 1210. In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas manger scene. In 1224, he received the stigmata, making him the first person to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died in 1226 and two years later, was pronounced a saint by Pope Gregory IX.

SPECIAL ST. FRANCIS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The 11:00 a.m. Prayers of the People are dedicated to St. Francis and taken from the Diocese of the Episcopal Church of Western Washington.

THE INTERIM RECTOR HAS SANCTUARY HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.; otherwise call (212) 534-4810 is his cell phone.

SEEKING USHERS

Please consider being an usher, if you wish to assist and learn about our new protocols – we would be glad to welcome you. Please email THenley@saintmarks.com.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK FROM ST. MARK'S

SATURDAY (October 10th) @ 5:30 p.m.: You are invited to an Evening Prayer service, which will also be livestreamed from the sanctuary – Father Johan will officiate. *Vida Dutton Scudder Scripture:* Romans 12:1-2, 14-21 & John 6:37-51.

SUNDAY (October 11th) @ 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.: Father Johan will officiate & Fred Johnson will preach - 11:00 a.m. service will be livestreamed. *Pentecost XIX (19) Sunday Scripture:* Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.