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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Opening Welcome

Organ Prelude *Fidelis*

P. Whitlock

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 552, all 4 verses *Fight the Good Fight*

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

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

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People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

Celebrant and People
(said in unison)

*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.*

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Reader A Reading from Esther (7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22)

So 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 favour, 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.

Psalm 124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 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..

Reader A Reading from James (5:13-20)

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 The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 343 (vv. 1-3 only) *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding-place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:38-50)
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to him, '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 afterwards 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.'

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence *Hymn 343 (v. 4)* *Shepherd of souls, bless us*

Lord, sup with us in love divine
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

Sermon The Reverend Celal Kamran, *Assistant to the Rector*

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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.*

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. We pray for all those still suffering from the upheaval and violence in Afghanistan, for the thousands of Afghan refugees and those recovering from all natural disasters. We pray for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all healthcare personnel. We pray for all who are able, to receive vaccinations.

People *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Reader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our Bishops; Lynn and Celal our priests, Michele our seminarian and for all bishops and other ministers;

People *For all who serve God in his Church.*

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those we mention by name on our prayer list on page 11.

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Riley Blankenship, Kyle Edgemon, Sarah Mikilia, Emmett Mullins, AJ Randall, Leigh Alfieris, Rebecca Vaughn and Pam Hogg.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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

*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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Holy Communion

Offertory *God be in my head*

Walford Davies (Pohick Choir)

The Doxology *Hymn 380 v. 3 only*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below.
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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 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.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

The Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (*said in unison*)

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.

The people stand or kneel.

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, 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 Father,

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*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 EJ 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 forever. AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People

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

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *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.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

In the Episcopal tradition all are welcomed to the Table. All baptized Christians may receive Communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.

For now, we continue to partake in Communion in One Kind (bread only). You may come to the rail and kneel to receive if you are able. If not, please stand at the rail, or indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

Communion Hymn, I want to walk as a child of the light

(Handbell Choir)

Celebrant Let us pray.

(in unison)

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.

Blessing

Recessional *Hymn #344 (all 3 verses)* *Lord dismiss us with thy blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;

so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.

Dismissal

Deacon *(Sentence of dismissal)*

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude *Bolero de Concert*

L. Wely

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Those Who Serve

Assisting and Preacher	The Reverend Celal Kamran, <i>Assistant to the Rector</i>
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Deacon	Michele Causton
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Ushers	Edwardine Pitcock and Tom Bland
Altar Guild	Wells Team
Digital Ministry	John Wooten, Marc Abrams, John Sessums, Tom Ronaldi, Chris Brown

For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, Joan Parsons, Lynn Anderholm, Nancy Bireley, Davis Sessums, Suzanne Froman, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, Roy Baumann, Jack Oats, Diana Wood, Andy, Chrissy, Jeb Berger, Judy Schmid, D'Andrea Wooten, Carney McCullough, Bill Hosp, Greg Scott, Andrea Nutter, Darryl Sebastian, Lisa Ruf, Anita Stribling, Susan Pehrsson and Alice Jean Scott and Nelson Whittaker.

The people may add their own petitions

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Riley Blankenship, Kyle Edgemon, Sarah Mikilia, Emmett Mullins, AJ Randall, Leigh Alfieris, Rebecca Vaughn and Pam Hogg.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, and Jesse Grimm.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

We pray for the Afghan refugees and for those left behind. We pray for victims of natural disasters. We pray for all suffering from COVID-19, and for the protection and strength for all health care workers.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Aquia, Stafford, Couple Parish, Hague, St. Matthew's and Sterling.



Announcements

Flowers are provided Cathy and Jim Foster in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary.

Flowers are provided by Sandra Caesar in celebration of Cedric and Kristina's 6th wedding anniversary and the Sept/Oct birthdays for Raygan, Caleb, and Christian.

- **Welcome newcomers!** Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. Following the Diocesan guidelines, masks will be worn during church services and in the Parish House. Weather permitting, Coffee Hour will be held on the patio outside of the Common Room double doors following this service. We hope you can join us!
- **The Fall worship schedule** has begun with services at **8 am and 10:30 am, with Sunday School and fellowship at 9:15 am. Compline continues** Wednesday nights via Zoom. Link is emailed.
- **Christian Education Classes** (online at www.phoick.org).
 - **Adult Bible Study** on "Love is the Way" led by Rev. Lynn and Michael Wooten begins next Sunday, Oct. 3. Please purchase your book on Amazon or elsewhere and bring to first class.
 - **Alpha!** A course to talk about faith, life and God. Alpha is intended for all: newcomers, well-versed in the faith, and outsiders. We will have food, fun, and fellowship on Sundays in between the two services at 9:15 am in the Vestry Meeting House. Contact Rev. Celal for more information.
 - **Education for Ministry (EFM)** will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7 pm to 9 pm. Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan, for information or to register.
 - **Children's Christian Education**, in-person and virtual components. Please contact Frances Sessums for information and registration.
- **Today! Apple Butter Cooking and Canning in Common Room**, 6 am - 6 pm. Communion for workers after 10:30 service.
- **Help support the Pohick Fair** by donating homemade pies, cakes, cookies, jellies and jams to the Country Store. Baked goods should be individually wrapped or sealed in zip lock bags. Items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall Friday afternoon or at the booth on fair morning. Contact Angela Edgemon at aedge619@aol.com or Wendy Remaly at wendy.remaly@gmail.com.
- **Suggestions for assisting Afghan refugees or Hurricane victims:**
 - You may choose to financially support relief efforts for victims of **Hurricane Ida** in the southern U.S. You may donate through this link: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>
 - Watch for details: We plan to adopt an Afghan family to help settle via **NOVA Raft** in October.
- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: fuzzyandjane@gmail.com or 703-339-1301.

- **Volunteers needed for hosting Fellowship Coffee Hours between services.** Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the Parish House. Details online or call Connie Myers at 703-201-2204.
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop** is open every Sunday 9-10:30am! Shop for seasonal & Pohick items, beautiful jewelry handmade by Grant Hodges, & olive wood items from Bethlehem. Welcome Carol Heintze as our newest board member & Parish representative. Any shop questions or concerns, please contact Carol.
- **Next Sunday** we will welcome the **Society of the Descendants of George Washington's Family**. They will worship with us at 10:30 am and hold a luncheon afterwards in Common Room, as part of their annual reunion.
- **Celebration of Life for George Crump** scheduled for October 16 at noon at local park (see Pohick Post for details). **Celebration of Life for EJ Delaune** scheduled for Nov. 6 at 11am at Pohick, with interment following next year at Arlington National Cemetery.

*We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift from our *Invite Welcome Connect* ministry, and join us for Fellowship Hour between services at 9:15am in the Parish House.*

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