



The Reverend Bob Farrow, Priest in Charge
Kevin Anderson, Organist

The 19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to our guest speaker, Mr. Paul Pierce

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL | *Paderborn* Ye servants of God

Hymnal 535

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

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.**

GLORIA | Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OLD TESTAMENT | Jeremiah 31:27-34

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;

and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM | Psalm 119:97-104 *Quomodo dilexi!*

The Psalm is read responsively as indicated.

97 Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Lector: A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training

in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Gospel

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN | Glorify thy name

See insert

THE GOSPEL | Luke 18:1-8

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated for the sermon.

HOMILY

Mr. Paul Pierce

All stand as able.

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 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

Proper 24

*from Planning for Rites and Rituals: A
Resource for Episcopal Worship (Year C)*

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Beloved in Christ, our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. And yet, we can pray, saying, "Put your word within us, O God; write it on our hearts."

We pray, O God, for the Church and its leaders, Give your Church grace that each member may carry out his or her ministry fully. Put your word within us, O God;

Write it on our hearts.

We pray, O God, for all those who interpret and establish laws. Give your leaders wisdom equal to their responsibilities, that they may serve the common good and promote justice throughout the world. Put your word within us, O God;

Write it on our hearts.

We pray, O God, for all of creation. In the beauty of hills and streams, we glimpse your majesty. In the wonder of sun and moon, we glimpse your power. May we be responsible in our care and protection of all you have given us. Put your word within us, O God;

Write it on our hearts.

We pray, O God, for the people of our community. May those who cry out for justice see justice. May those who search for truth find truth. May those who fear for their safety find their comfort and security in you. Put your word within us, O God;

Write it on our hearts.

We pray, O God, for the sick and the sorrowful. May those who call upon you for healing also find you to be their faithful healer. Especially we pray for Ryder and Katherine. Put your word within us, O God;

Write it on our hearts.

We pray, O God, for all who have died. May all those justified by your Son, Christ Jesus, be judged by him as faithful and good. Put your word within us, O God;

Write it on our hearts.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

In Christ you have fulfilled your promises and set us free from the tyranny of sin; show us how to use our freedom to live more fully into your abundant life and to show the transforming power of your love to a world in need of hope and reconciliation. Through that same Christ we offer these prayers, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and always. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Together

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

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY HYMN | My wonderful Lord

Booklet 52

THE DOXOLOGY | *Old 100th*

Please stand as you are able for the presentation of the offering.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

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:

SANCTUS | Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel as able.

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:

Together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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,

**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

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

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia*.**

FRACTION ANTHEM | *Agnus Dei* Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of musical notation is for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.' are written below the notes.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of musical notation continues the Fraction Anthem. It also consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace, with the same key signature of one sharp. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.' are written below the notes.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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 SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

After taking communion, you are welcome to remain kneeling at the front of the church for special prayer and blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN | It's me, O Lord

Performed by Kevin Anderson

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

RECESSIONAL | Shall we gather at the river

Booklet 68

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

After the service:

Coffee and fellowship in The Gathering Room, to the left as you exit the nave, followed by **Adult Formation with Mr. Paul Pierce.**

St. Nicholas' Mission is to actively share Christ's love for all people.

Our vision is to strive to be a welcoming community who worships a caring and merciful God, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Your prayers are asked for Ryder Hughes and Katherine Johnson. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon, Mike Sawyer, and Jewell Wells.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

ALERT! The Rector's Discretionary Fund is completely out of funds. This is one of the ways we share the love of Christ for all people by helping our Harris County neighbors with utilities and rent. The need is great – please consider celebrating your special occasions with a donation – or just drop a few dollars in an envelope with “RDF” on it and give it to an usher.

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH

TODAY: Adult Formation in the Gathering Room with Mr. Paul Pierce

First Sunday Brunch is November 2

Sign up in the narthex so the hosts know how many to plan for.

Hospitality Committee

This team will welcome visitors and coordinate Sunday coffee, 1st Sunday Brunch, and the Christmas meal, along with other special events. Contact Erin or Rose if you are interested in this ministry.

Truck & Treat! October 23

St. Nicholas will once again participate in Harris County's Halloween celebration at the Ag Center from 5 – 8 p.m. and we need candy! Donations can go on the island in the kitchen.

Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers minister to their fellow congregants by assisting the priest with Eucharist on Sunday morning. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to homebound members of our church family. See Father Bob if you would like to explore this ministry.

Directory Update

We are working our way toward a new printed edition of the Church Directory for the convenience of those who don't use the online version. The time to update your information is before it's printed! If you need a new photo, see Lynn Hall after the service on **October 26**.

New Wednesday Fellowship Group – What's Your Interest?

There has been interest expressed in both handicrafts and bridge/card-playing. Why not both at the same time? Or even more? Talk to Erin, Rose, or Father Bob if you have an idea or are interested in being informed about developments.

St. Nicholas Book Club News

The November read is *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. See your weekly newsletter for more. The Book Club next meets after Evening Prayer on November 5.

VESTRY

Rose Brent, *Senior Warden*
Martha Dimon, *Junior Warden*
Carolyn Cox, Sheri Cody,
Kathy McMurtry
Alex Garrett, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Jim Gilliam, *Treasurer*

MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Lector: Margaret Zachry
Ushers: Alex Garrett & Jim Gilliam
Virtual Minister: Katherine Johnson
Eucharistic Minister: Martha Dimon
Crucifer: Riley-Anne Johnson



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Episcopal Confirmation Course 2025

This four-week course was designed for those seeking confirmation in the Episcopal church, but everyone who wishes to learn more about being an Episcopalian and deepen their faith is welcome to participate. The meeting dates were chosen at the October 12 kickoff meeting; we hope you can join us!

Week 1 – Faith, Baptism, and Belonging

WED, OCT 22 5:30 Zoom/in-person

Theme: What does it mean to be a Christian and an Episcopalian?

Baptism as entry into the Body of Christ; Confirmation as a mature affirmation of baptismal vows; overview of the Episcopal Church

Week 2 – Worship and the Sacraments

WED, OCT 29 5:30 Zoom/in-person

Theme: Encountering God in liturgy and sacrament

The centrality of the Eucharist; the Book of Common Prayer; the Sacraments of the Church; how Episcopal liturgy shapes our faith

Week 3 – Scripture, Creeds, and Prayer

SUN, NOV 2

Theme: How we believe and live our faith

The Bible in Anglican tradition; the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds; the role of prayer and personal devotion; spiritual practices for daily life

Week 4 – Mission, Ministry, and Confirmation

SUN, NOV 9

Theme: Living out our faith in the world

Confirmation as the strengthening of the Spirit for ministry; gifts of the Spirit and discernment of call; the Church's mission of reconciliation, justice, service; the Confirmation liturgy

SEQUENCE HYMN | Glorify thy name

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

TEXT and MUSIC: Donna Adkins

GLORIFY THY NAME
 Irregular meter

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