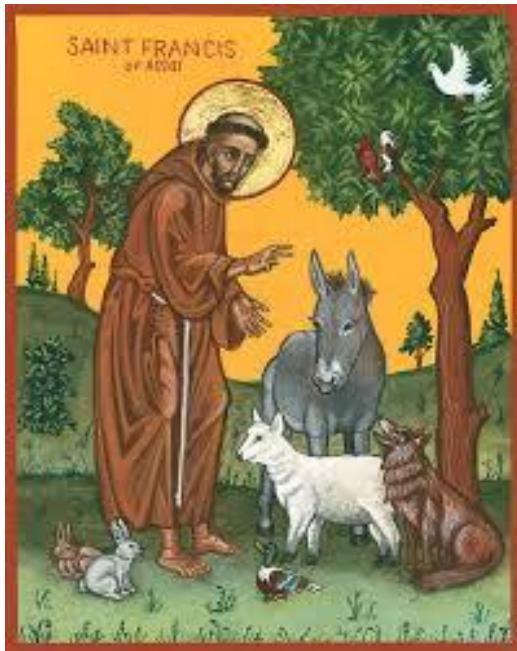


**October 4, 2020
10:00 AM**

**Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II



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seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.*

"Whoever and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!"

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Eucharist: Prayer A

Opening Hymn:

When From Bondage We Are Summoned

Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)

TON-Y-BOTEL

Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

All

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

**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.**

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Jeremiah 22:13–16

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness,
and his upper rooms by injustice;
who makes his neighbours work for nothing,
and does not give them their wages;
who says, “I will build myself a spacious house
with large upper rooms”,
and who cuts out windows for it,
panelling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.

Are you a king
because you compete in cedar?

Did not your father eat and drink
and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.

He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
then it was well.

Is not this to know me?
says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 148:7-14

- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For
neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation
is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon
them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Gradual:

Because We Do Not See the One

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 51

KINGSFOLD
English folk melody

1. Be - cause we do not see the One who an - i - mates all things,
2. God. puts us on a patch of ground and sets us tend - ing vines,
3. Our ground is good, the sun is bright, the rain re - news the land,
we sometimes think we own a world we're on - ly fos - ter - ing
so we can learn the al - che - my that chang-es grapes to wine,
and we as gra - cious gar - den - ers en - flesh God's gra - cious hand.
and miss the God - re - veal - ing chance to tend and then to share
and greed to hos - pi - ta - li - ty, and guard-ed - ness to grace,
This is the Mes - si - an - ic dream, a ta - ble rich - ly spread
the time, the skill, the life, the gifts we find with - in our care,
that makes of walled and fence-crossed lands one wide, in - vi - ting space,
where God, un - seen, is yet per - ceived and ev - ery - one is fed.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25–30

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Savior.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Roger Wharton

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

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lucinda, our Bishop; and for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

People: **Hear our prayers for the church.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

People: **Hear our prayers for the world.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our

children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

People: **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of all creation, we pray for all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life. We pray that all pets may be treasured with care; for all animals that might be displaced by the fires and other natural disasters, pets awaiting adoption, veterinarians, and all pet owners.

God of all creation,

People: **Hear our prayers for all creatures great and small.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,

People: **Hear our prayers for this community.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good

News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

People: Hear our prayers for those who have died.

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Presider: Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(There will be a moment of silence)

Presider and People

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

Absolution

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.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

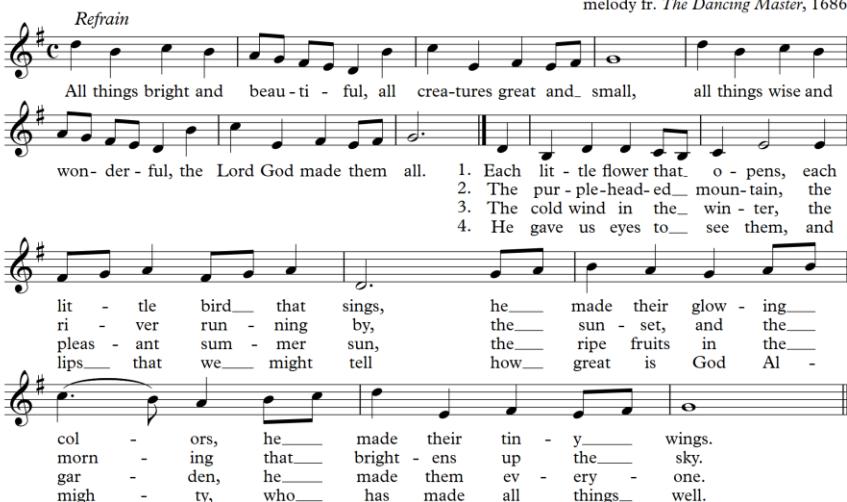
Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

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ROYAL OAK

melody fr. *The Dancing Master*, 1686

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small, all things wise and
won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each
2. The pur - ple-head-ed moun - tain, the
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, the
4. He gave us eyes to see them, and

lit - tle bird that sings, he made their glow - ing
ri - ver run - ning by, the sun - set, and the
pleas - ant sum - mer sun, the ripe fruits in the
lips - that we - might tell how great is God Al -

col - - ors, he made their tin - - y wings.
morn - - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
gar - - den, he made them ev - - ery - one.
migh - - ty, who has made all things - well.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 our 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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

**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 Presider continues

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 all 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,

People and Presider

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.

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Presider

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn:

Jesus, Stand Among Us

Renew! # 17

Words and Music
by Graham Kendrick

1. Je - sus, stand a - mong us____ at the meet - ing of our lives, be our sweet a -
2. Je - sus stand a - mong us____ at the break - ing of the bread, join us as one
gree - ment at the meet - ing of our eyes; O, Je - sus, we love You,
bo - dy as we wor - ship you our Head.
so we ga - ther here, join our hearts in un - i - ty____ and
1. [1.] [2.]
take a- way____ our fear.____ take a- way____ our fear.____

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

**Shepherd and guardian of our souls,
renew our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love.**

**Teach us to hunger for Christ,
who is the true and living bread,
and to live by every word that comes from your mouth,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Mission Song:

Awake My Soul

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

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SIROE

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

1. A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - 'ry nerve, and press with vi - gor on;
2. A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold_ thee in full sur - vey;
a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and an im - mor - tal
for - get the steps al - read - y__ trod, and on - ward urge the
crown,____ and an im - mor - tal way,____ and on - ward urge the crown.
way.