

**October 1, 2023  
10:00 AM**

**The Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

## **Holy Eucharist**



### ***St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church***

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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.**



# WORD OF GOD

## Opening Hymn:

### Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

H #686

NETTLETON

melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

1. Come, thou fount of ev' - ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
2. Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er by thy help, I've come;  
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee:

Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan d'ring from the fold of God;  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## Opening Acclamation

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

**People:** And blessed be his 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



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.

## ***Collect of the Day***

***Celebrant:*** The Lord be with you.

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

***Celebrant:*** Let us pray.

God of strange authority, whose questions challenge the powers of this world: teach us to look beyond appearance, to see your kingly rule emptying itself in cross-stretched arms, through Jesus Christ, the only Lord, the humble Servant. **Amen.**

## ***The Lessons***

### ***First Reading***

***Exodus 17:1-7***

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

***All:*** **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm:***

***Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16***

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

***Second Reading***

***Philippians 2:1-13***

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### ***Gospel Gradual:***

## **It's Easy to Agree with God**

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 50

WINCHESTER NEW  
 from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690*

1. It's ea - sy to a - gree with God con - cern - ing what is right and good,  
 2. We've known the once-com - pel - ling word, the wor - thy goal, the soul's as - sent,  
 3. This is a jour - ney chil - dren make, con - di - tioned to a par - ents voice:  
 4. Most gra - cious God, help us to be a peo - ple gath - ered year by year

and hard - er to u - nite with God to do the things we thought we would.  
 but grow im - mune to what we've heard and dis - tant from our heart's in - tent.  
 some vows we keep, and some we break and scarce - ly know we've made the choice.  
 who tell the Sto - ry faith - ful - ly and still re - spond to what we hear.

## ***Gospel Reading***

***Matthew 21:23-32***

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## ***Sermon***

***The Rev. Karen Cuffie***

## ***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:* Friends, in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Humbly then, let us approach our God, saying,  
To will and work for your good pleasure,

***People:* O Lord, enable us.**

*Leader:* Christ Jesus, strengthen our tongues to declare you as Lord of our lives.  
May we, your church, glorify your Heavenly Parent in word and deed.  
In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Francis of Assisi in San José.

*Silence*

To will and work for your good pleasure,

***People:* O Lord, enable us.**

*Leader:* Christ Jesus, you chose not to exploit your equality with God, but humbled yourself to be with us. Give us your heart for the marginalized and poor. And may all people, especially those in power, follow your example of humility.

*Silence*

To will and work for your good pleasure,

*People:* **O Lord, enable us.**

*Leader:* Christ Jesus, by your birth in human likeness you blessed all of creation. Remind us that your feet have trod our soil and tasted our waters. Give us the will to care for this precious planet.

*Silence*

To will and work for your good pleasure,

*People:* **O Lord, enable us.**

*Leader:* Christ Jesus, you rule the world with love and compassion. Give to our local leaders compassion and vision that the people of our region might live as neighbors, looking out for each other's interests.

*Silence*

To will and work for your good pleasure,

*People:* **O Lord, enable us.**

*Leader:* Christ Jesus, you became obedient to the point of death that we might have abundant life. Work marvels in the lives of the sick and sorrowful. May they recount to generations the wonderful deeds you have done in their lives.

*(Please add your own petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

To will and work for your good pleasure,

*People:* **O Lord, enable us.**

*Celebrant:* Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and all people. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(There will be a moment of silence)*

*People:* **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**

### ***Absolution***

*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.**

*Exchange peace.*



## Offertory:

# Lord, Teach Me All Your Ways

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #21

FRANCONIA

Psalms 25, verses 4, 5a, 9, 10

Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758)

1. Lord, teach me all your ways, re - veal your path to me;  
2. Re - mem - ber, Lord, your love, your care from a - ges past;  
3. For - get my youth - ful faults, for - give my sin - ful says;  
4. God, who is just and good, shows all who sin his way;  
5. All path - ways of the Lord are kind - ly true, and sure

and lead me in your sav - ing truth, show me what I should be.  
and in that love re - mem - ber me, in kind - ness hold me fast.  
with - in the kind - ness of your love, re - mem - ber me al - ways.  
he leads the hum - ble in right paths, their teeach - er dday by day.  
to those who keep his cov - en - ant and in his ways en - dure.

## Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>):

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;  
praise him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## ***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:* 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:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People:* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

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

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

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our fathers and mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rachael, Jacob and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People*

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## *Communion Hymns:*

### Open Our Eyes, Lord

Renew! #91

Words and music by Robert Cull, 1976

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,

to reachout and touch him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten,

o - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.



# Shepherd of Souls

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

H #343

ST. AGNES

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

1. Shep herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho-sen pil - grim flock

with man-na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The second system also has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

## *Post Communion Prayer*

*Please stand*

*Celebrant:* 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**

## *Announcements*

## *Prayers for Celebrations*

Loving Creator, You are the source of life and the source of love. We thank you for all who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special events today. Watch over them as their days increase, bless and guide them wherever they may be. May your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives, and may your love for the world shine through them and the deep relationships they cherish, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## *Blessing*

## *Mission Song:*

### Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams (1717-1791)  
tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796)

H #690

CWM RHONDDA  
John Hughes (1873-1932)

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;

I am weak, but thou art migh - ty; hold me with thy power - ful hand;  
let the fire and cloud - dy pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through;

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the song, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 1 and 2 indicating different verses. The music is a hymn tune, and the lyrics are in English.

bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more. shield.

### ***The Dismissal***

***Celebrant:*** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

***People:*** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Mark your calendar**

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am

## **Vestry Members**

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