



Ante-Communion
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 4, 2020

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant and People: 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.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Officiant and People: 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.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

Reader: Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there

to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-14

Reader: Restore us, O God of hosts; *

People: show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Reader: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

People: you cast out the nations and planted it.

Reader: You prepared the ground for it; *

People: it took root and filled the land.

Reader: The mountains were covered by its shadow *

People: and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

Reader: You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

People: and its branches to the River.

Reader: Why have you broken down its wall, *

People: so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

Reader: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

People: and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Reader: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; *

People: preserve what your right hand has planted.

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 3:4b-14

Reader: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "In Christ there is no East or West" Hymn 529

Susan Hollinger

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:33-46

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON: “What’s Growing in Your Vineyard”

Reverend Georgia DuBose

NICENE CREED

Officiant 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.*

THE GREAT LITANY

Officiant: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant: From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Officiant: We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People: Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Officiant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: Grant us thy peace.

Officiant: O Christ, hear us.

People: O Christ, hear us.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant 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.*

Officiant: O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;

People: As we do put our trust in thee.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE SUPPLICATION

Officiant: O Lord, arise, help us;

People: And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

People: O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

People: O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Officiant: From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

People: Graciously behold our afflictions.

Officiant: With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

People: Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Officiant: Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

People: O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

People: Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Officiant: Creator God, we offer heartfelt prayers for the parts of your great creation that are suffering now: the lands ravaged by fire on the west coast of our country; the Gulf of Mexico, assaulted by multiple hurricanes; the starving children of Yemen and other war-torn parts of the world; the animals who are vanishing because of loss of habitat; and those whose sufferings we may not know, but which are known to your love. We pray for healing, and offer our love, for a world in need. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus, the shepherd who was also the King of Love. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant: We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Officiant and People: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR HEROIC SERVICE

Officiant and People: O Judge of nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the people of this country and other countries who, in this time of crisis, venture much to preserve the blessings we now enjoy. We ask that all who work while many shelter from the illness the corona virus causes, may be sustained in health and safety, and know the respect and gratitude of their fellow citizens. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES

Officiant and People: Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST OF LAND AND WATERS

Officiant and People: O gracious Father, *who openest thine* hand and *filllest* all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let *thy* Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show *thy* loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what *thou givest*, that men and women everywhere may give *thee* thanks; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE

Officiant and People: O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Officiant and People: Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS (Moment of Silence)

BLESSING

Officiant: May the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at msflip925@aol.com. You may also contact the office by email redeemeraldie@gmail.com or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Mother Georgia by email gdubose@gmail.com or phone (304) 839-1124.

“For those whose concerns are known only to God”

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Serving Our Country

Amity Hess
All First Responders
All Front Line Workers
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.

Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*