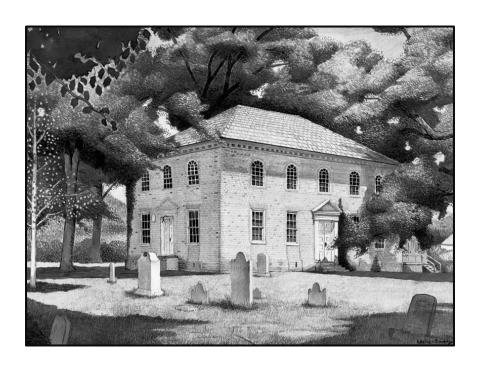
THE FALLS CHURCH EPISCOPAL

Founded 1732

A welcoming community called to be an enduring beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

August 22, 2021 at 10:00 am

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

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

Celebrant

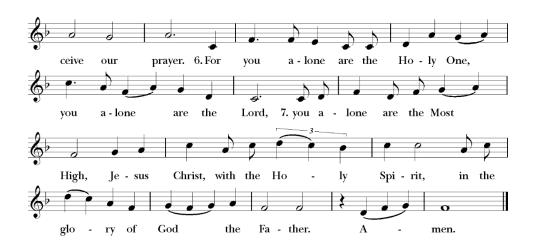
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn S-280

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell (b. 1932)





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity

by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.**

The First Lesson (seated)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Read by Rhian Allvin

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we

passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

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

The Psalm Psalm 34:15-22 Benedicam Dominum

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
 but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Sequence Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

The Gospel (all standing)

John 6:56-69

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski

A brief period of silence follows the homily. Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed (all standing)

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.

The Leader and People pray responsively while standing.

Led by Krista Gauthier

Let us come before the Triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

God of creation, protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. We pray especially for the people and lands ravaged by wildfires, especially in California, Greece, and Turkey. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Comfort and protect, dear Lord, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti. Hear us, O God. Lord graciously hear us.

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. We remember in prayer all those on our parish prayer list, especially John, Bill, Maury, Betsy, Miriam, Mary Jane, Ellie, and Kyra. Hear us, O God. Lord graciously hear us.

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community. Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us, especially Al and Phil. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Hear us, O God.

Lord graciously hear us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Celebrant and 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.

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.

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Lord is my shepherd John Schaettler

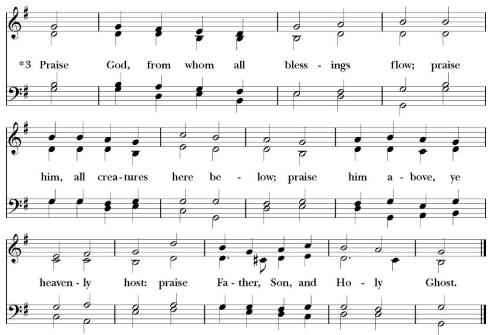
Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

During the offertory anthem you are invited to make a gift to God's mission at the Falls Church Episcopal through Realm (see QR code on pg. 12), on the website, by Texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.

Presentation Hymn 380

From all that dwell below the skies (vs.3)

Old 100th



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

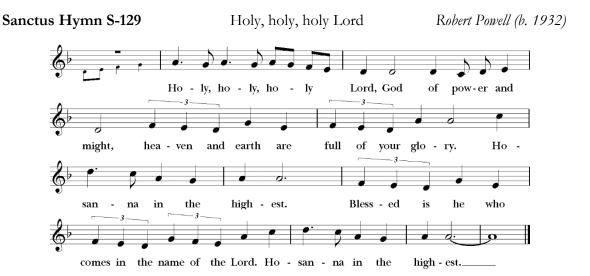
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:



Then the Celebrant 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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**.

The Celebrant then continues

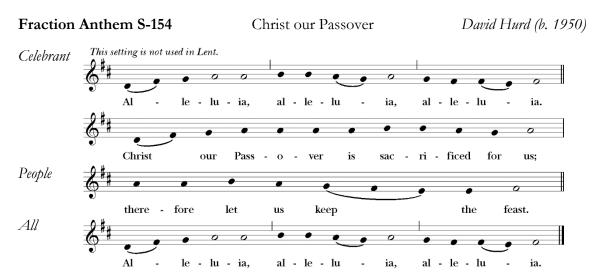
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

A period of silence is kept.



The Invitation to Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations where the clergy will offer you the host (Communion in one kind only) by gently dropping the wafer in your cupped hands while avoiding touching your hands. Please then step aside and consume the host, then quietly return to your seat.

Communion Hymn 301Bread of the world in mercy brokenRendez a DieuCommunion Hymn 440Blessed Jesus, at thy wordLiebster Jesu

Postcommunion Prayer

(EOW p. 69)

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn 460 Alleluia, sing to Jesus Hyfrodol

Dismissal (BCP, p.366)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Celebrant

The Rev'd. Burl Salmon Rector

Preacher

The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski Associate Rector

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The Parish Prayer List

For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit

Immediate Needs John, Bill, Maury, Betsy, Mary Jane, Miriam, Ellie, Kyra

Long Term Prayers
George, Tom, Michael, Eduardo, Robin, Robert, Margaret, Claire, Nessa

Family and Friends Michael, Rita, Chris, John, Claire

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The flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Blessing of the Marriage of

Benjamin C. Kong and Jason H. Crawford.

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We pray for the repose of the souls of Alfonso Vernon Powers and Philip DuMoulin



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