

The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

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## Morning Prayer

**Prelude** *Be still my soul*

**Opening Hymn** *We would be one*

**Officiant** You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

### Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People 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.

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in authentic life. *Amen.*

## **Senior Warden**

### **Report from Connections Commission**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Officiant                      Lord, open our lips.

People                         *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and People*

Give glory to God, Creator, Redeemer and unifying Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

Psalm 23    Sung: *The Lord is my shepherd*

## **Report from Parish Family Commission**

## **The Lessons**

*The reader says,*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25: 1, 4 - 9)

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

You have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,

a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that  
he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer        Thanks be to God.*

**Canticle** *Do something* M. West

### **Report from the Giving Back Commission**

*The reader says,*

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians (4: 1 - 4)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand  
firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes,  
and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have  
struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and  
the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be  
known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but  
in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your  
requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses  
all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there

is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer          Thanks be to God.*

## **Report from Living Our Values Commission**

**Canticle** *Called as partners in Christ's service*

**Homily**                  Rev. Ken Phelps, Jr.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Report from Finance Commission and the Treasurer**

**Offertory**    *Leaning on the everlasting arms*    Perf. By Playing for Change

## **The Prayers**

Officiant     God be with you.  
People        *And also with you.*  
Officiant     Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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 forever. Amen.

*Then follows the Suffrages*

V.     Show us your mercy, O God;  
R.     And grant us your salvation.  
V.     Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R.     Let your people sing with joy.  
V.     Give peace, O God, in all the world;  
R.     For only in you can we live in safety.  
V.     Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R.     And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V.     Let your way be known upon earth;  
R.     Your saving health among all nations.  
V.     Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten;  
R.     Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V.     Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R.     And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

**The Collect of the Day**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and

ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Intercessions**

For the ministers of the church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Robert our Bishops, Ken and Lisa, our clergy, Betsy, our clergy emeritus. Kip, Patrick, Deb, Tom and Barbara, our wardens, Steve, our treasurer; for our vestry and other mission leaders, and for those who serve the church at St. Thomas', Hancock; St James' Chapel, Hagerstown; and, St George's, Mount Savage; and, for Jeffrey C. Hual, Emmanuel A. Mercer and R. Matthew Humm *Silence*

For the stewards of the earth, and for the renewed witness to the gospel among people serving in positions of public trust, especially for Donald, President of the United States, Larry, Governor of the State of Maryland, and those who serve us in County and State; that all accept creation as a wondrous gift, and work to preserve its beauty, and the dignity and respect of all creatures great and small *Silence*

For all the sick and suffering, the lonely and the dying, especially all others we raise before you that their affliction lead to endurance, their endurance to virtue, and their virtue to hope *Silence*

For those who have died, especially John Ward and Margaret Kepich, and for those who mourn them *Silence*

For those who are in any way affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Comfort and sustain those who have been stricken; relieve their pain and restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength. Grant to all in authority the courage to make wise decisions that are essential for the common good and strengthen them to lead institutions that care for those whom they serve. Watch over all first responders and those in the medical professions whose duty it is to care for the sick; guard them from all danger, and keep them safe in the knowledge that is through their sacrifice and service that the health of the whole community is promoted *Silence*

For those who have suffered at the hands of hurricane or wildfire, for those who have died, those who have been injured, those who have been displaced, those who have lost everything, those who bring relief, and those who risk their lives to mitigate the impact of these natural disasters *Silence*

For those whose lives have been forever altered by racial violence. For our Black brothers and sisters, groaning under the weight of redlining, segregation, underfunded schools, unequal economic opportunity, indignity, and ever-present fear. For those who protest, those whose lives and property have been disrupted and for those who seek to maintain order and safety. For our public officials managing a global pandemic and the grief and anger in our communities. For police officers, whom we ask, often without appropriate training, to respond to human beings in their worst and most vulnerable moments and who feel their loyalties divided or their cause unclear, and who feel afraid for themselves, their partners, their families, and their fellow citizens. For those who have pledged their lives to racist ideologies, for the pain they have caused to victims of violence, to their communities, to their families, and to their own souls. For a healing of the sickness of racism which is in this nation's very bedrock; we beg your mercy to free all your people from it. Help us turn away from this sin of division and toward your all-encompassing love.    *Silence*

## **Report from the Calvert Arts Festival**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving for Fundraiser**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

### *Officiant and People*

Almighty God, source of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Announcements**

**Sending Hymn**   *O for a world*

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*The Officiant concludes*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or  
imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ  
Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Dismissal**

*Today's Stewardship Meditation follows...*



October 11, 2020

# *Living into new ways of being Church*

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me. – PSALM 23*

BY THE REV. MELANIE S. DONAHOE



The comforting words of Psalm 23 have taken on new meaning as together we have walked through the “valley of the shadow of death” created by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

It has not been an easy time, yet God’s “goodness and mercy” have been abundantly reflected as God’s people have faithfully cared for strangers and for one another.

You have reached out to help bear the pain of those who have lost loved ones. Through simple acts of kindness — picking up groceries for elderly neighbors, regularly calling those who live alone in fearful isolation, sewing masks, serving in food pantries — God’s Holy Spirit has inspired you to be Christ’s daily loving, healing presence in the world. Our physical church doors may have necessarily been shuttered, but “the Church” has never been closed.

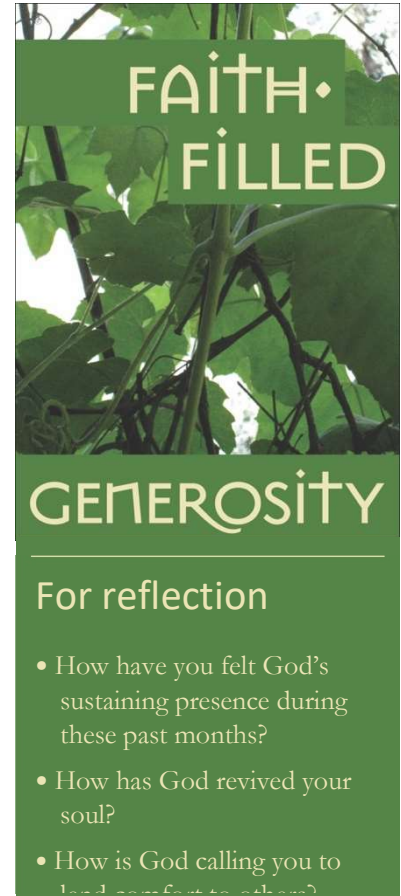
And God has never been absent. God has shepherded us, leading and guiding us along pathways we could not have imagined a year ago. Perhaps it is in the hardest times when we most clearly recognize how God continues, always, always to sustain us.

Even when we could not gather together for Holy Communion, God continued to feed us — with God’s Holy Word, with live-streamed services and “virtual” coffee hours.

And now as some of us slowly, carefully begin to gather again inside our churches, we will learn new ways of including those who still need to “shelter in place” — and innovative ways of welcoming those who have never been “inside” our church buildings, but joyfully discovered Church on the internet in a time of pandemic.

As we live into new, exciting (yes, exciting!) ways of being Church, God will continue to reveal opportunities for us to welcome everyone so that, together, we may “dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.”

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