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Holly Sullivan's 30th Birthday by the Sullivan Family

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We are grateful to The Reverend Canon Susan Fortunato
for her service as the celebrant of today's Eucharist

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY:

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Entrance Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ***Hymnal #494***

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

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.

All: **Amen.**

Glory to God ***Hymnal #S 280***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

The Collect of The Day **BCP page 234**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Lector 1: A reading from the book of Exodus *Exodus 16:2-15*

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.
3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt,
when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this
wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going
to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for
that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5 On the
sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other

days." 6So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, 7and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" 8And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but" against the Lord.9Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'"10And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Lector 1: We will read *Psalm 105 verses 1-6, 37-45* responsively by half verse.

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *

in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.
Hallelujah!

Lector 2: A reading from Paul to the followers of Jesus in Philippi *Philippians 1:21-30*

21For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer.23I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith,26so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

27Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—30since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Tell Out My Soul* ***Hymnal #438***

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew *Matthew 20:1-16*

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

1"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire
laborers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent
them into his vineyard.3When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in
the marketplace; 4and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you
whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three
o'clock, he did the same. 6And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing
around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7They said to him,
'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8When
evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give
them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9When those hired about
five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10Now when the first came,
they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily
wage. 11And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12saying, 'These
last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden
of the day and the scorching heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no
wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14Take what belongs to you and
go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I
choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16So the last
will be first, and the first will be last."

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

~ Sermon ~

<u>Nicene Creed</u> **BCP page 358**

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 — BCP page 392

Celebrant: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Litanist: For all people in their daily life and work;

All: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Litanist: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Litanist: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Litanist: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Litanist: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Litanist: For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sally, our Bishop; and for all bishops and

other ministers;

All: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Litanist: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Let us begin by lifting up all who are on our parish prayer list, represented today by these names:

Carole McAllister, **Kathy** McCaffrey, **Bill** McGrath, **Carolyn** Mack, **Rob & Rose** Malara, **Althea** Martie, **Barbara** Moore, **Anne** Morrissey, **Lynn** Novak, **Chris** O., **Lisa** Parker, **Craig** Percopo **& the Percopo Family**, **Jacob, Diane & Lily** Peskin, **Angie** Pocsi, **Linda & Norman** Pugliese and **Patti & JR** Pugliese, **and the St. Peter's Community that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in this time of transition.**

Silence

People may add petitions either silent or aloud.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

<u>Confession of Sin</u> **BCP page 393**

Priest: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* ***Hymnal #325***

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP page 361**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord ***Hymnal #S 129***

Priest: 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:

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Priest: 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 all 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.

The Great Amen ***Hymnal #S 146***

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All:

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.** Alleluia!

Instructions for Receiving Holy Communion

If you wish to receive only a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you need a gluten free host, inform the Priest.

If you wish to receive communion host and dip it in the consecrated wine, remain at the altar rail and hold the bread or host in your hand until the gold chalice comes to you. Then dip the host into the wine and consume the communion bread and wine.

If you wish to consume the host and then sip from the chalice, leave the altar rail after you consume the bread or host and move to the Eucharistic Minister with the silver sipping chalice at the left side of the altar rail.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the People of God.

Post-Communion Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* ***Hymnal #691***

Celebrant*:* Let us pray

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father** **BCP 365**
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

Please stand for the final blessings of this service

The Celebrant's Blessing

All: **Amen**

Closing Hymn: *God is Working His Purpose Out* ***Hymnal #534***

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

All: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!
Join us, if you can, in the parish house for a short time of fellowship after this service.
You are always welcome here.