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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 22
Saturday evening October 3 & Sunday October 4, 2026

Altar Flowers are given in honor of and in loving memory of Doretta & John LeCompte by Mary Lou LeCompte

We are grateful to The Very Reverend Terence Lee
for his service as the celebrant of today's Eucharist

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY:

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Entrance Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ***Hymnal #398***

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**

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.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Lector 1: A reading from the book of Exodus *Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20*

1Then God spoke all these words: 2I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;3you shall have no other gods before me. 4You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 7You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

12Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13You shall not murder.14You shall not commit adultery. 15You shall not steal. 16You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17You shall not covet your

neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

18When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, 19and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." 20Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Lector 1: We will read *Psalm 19* responsively by half verse.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Lector 2: A reading from Paul to the followers of Jesus in Philippi *Philippians 3:4b-14*

4If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised 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; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,
blameless. 7Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of
Christ. 8More 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 9and 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. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of
his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from
the dead. 12Not 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. 13Beloved, 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, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God
in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *O Bless the Lord My Soul* ***Hymnal #411, vs 1,3,5***

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew *Matthew 21:33-46*

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

33"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.34When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants
to collect his produce. 35But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and
stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the
same way. 37Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38But when
the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get
his inheritance." 39So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40Now
when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41They 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." 42Jesus 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'? 43Therefore 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. 44The
one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it
falls." 45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was
speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they
regarded him as a prophet.

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:

Jean Archer, **Marguerite** Barre, **Rich** B., **Ruth** B., **Tom & Donna** B., **Bella & Chris**, **Kim** Bald, **John** Breitling, **Linda** Kovacs Brown, **Matthew** Burton, **Michele** C., **Bret & Kathy** Clark, **Cynthia** Cooper, **Sue** D'Elia, **Ken** Danter, **Ed** Davis, **Janine** Elkin, **Don** Engle, **John** Fiandola, **Samuel** Flanigan, **Mary Ellen & Caroline** Foley, **Jean** Fowler, **the Percopo Family, 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.

Confession of Sin **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 *I Come With Joy* ***Hymnal #304***

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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ***Hymnal #405***

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: *The Church's One Foundation* ***Hymnal #525***

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.