

**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
The Nineteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost



**Liturgical Participants**  
**for October 11, 2020**

Rev. Earl Mahan, *Celebrant/Preacher*

Diane Stirling, *Lector*

Bobbi Reese, Jennifer Holtmann, Connor Donnelly, *Musicians*

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

*Please stand.*

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

*People:* **And blessed be his 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. **Amen.**

### **THE KYRIE**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:* 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.*

## **THE LESSONS**

*Please be seated.*

### **THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9**

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.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For 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.

*Reader:* Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE:** Psalm 23 *(Read by all.)*

**The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**THE SECOND LESSON:** Philippians 4:1-9

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.

*Reader:* Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **MUSIC**

*Please refrain from singing for the health and safety of those around you.*

## **THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

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

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Earl Mahan

*Following the sermon, a brief period of silence is observed.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**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 became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People may kneel or stand.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united  
in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the  
world.  
*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of  
justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the  
common good.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we  
may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor  
and glory.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we  
may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give  
them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of  
your salvation.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Brief silence. The People may kneel or stand.*

*All:* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Without physical contact, the Ministers and People greet one another with the Peace of God.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE OFFERING

### MUSIC

*Please refrain from singing for the health and safety of those around you.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please stand.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift 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.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*All:* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People may kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE INVITATION

*In the Episcopal Church, all Baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive Communion. **Out of concern for safety, we will receive the bread only in individually wrapped (gluten free) wafers.** Please come forward one person at a time, waiting until the person before you has taken their seat. If you are not baptized or do not want to receive communion you are invited to come up for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please be seated.*

## MUSIC

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*The people may kneel or stand.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL



## IN OUR PRAYERS

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