

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 29, 2024

#359 "God of the Prophets"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Collect of the Day: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 124

**1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;**

**2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;**

**3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;**

**4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;**

**5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.**

6 Blessed be the Lord! *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

**7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

**8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Second Reading: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray

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

Sequence Anthem: “Day by Day”

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it

off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you. We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives.

We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: remembering especially Fran Rodegher (10/3), Stephen Eells (10/4), Declan Anderson (10/5), Kim Davis (10/5), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray especially for Gloria, Judy, Cathy Gerke, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, Donna K.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for our deacons Donna and Marge and for all priests and deacons. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Youth and youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge; *The Church of Pakistan (United)*.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains, and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray this day?

Confession (*in unison*)

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The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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

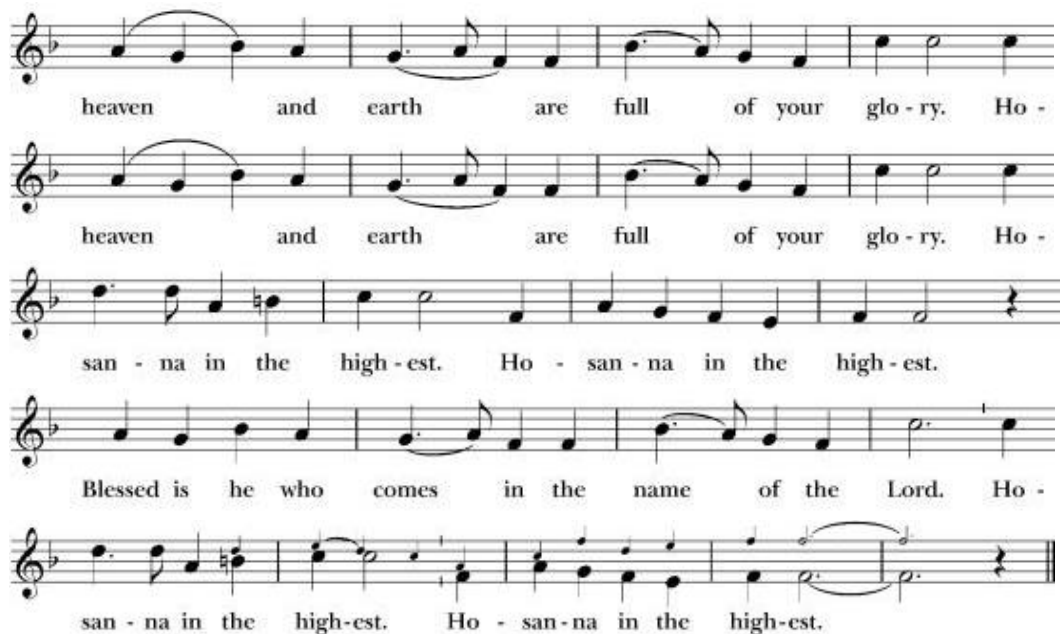
Offertory Hymn:” WLP #761 “ All who hunger”

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy Lord*):



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues: Holy and Gracious Father...

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

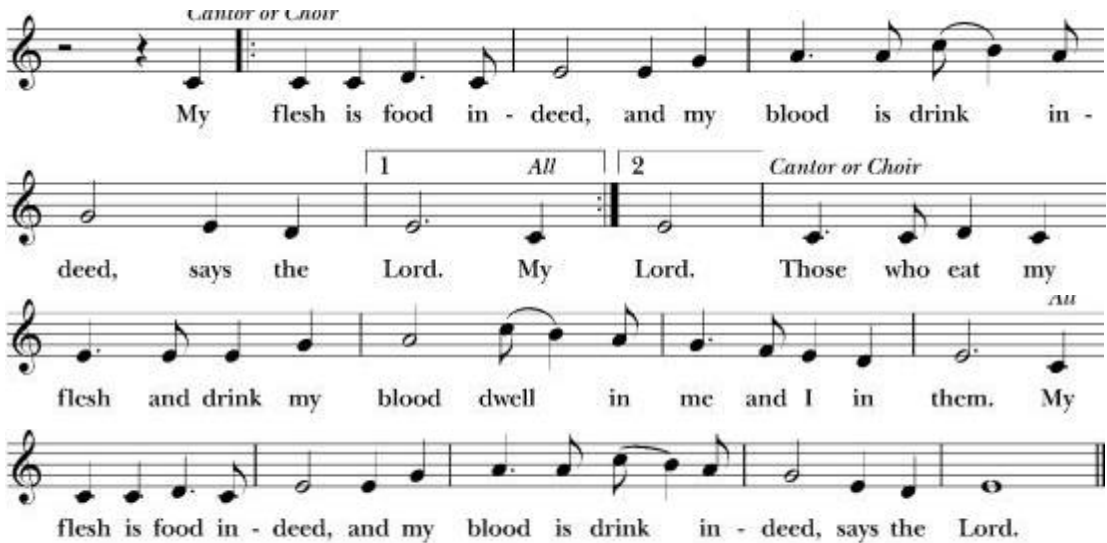
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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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

Fraction Anthem S-169



CANTOR OR CHOIR

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* | 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #657 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our newly-elected Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Youth and youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge; *The Church of Pakistan (United)*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers. We pray especially for Gloria, Judy, Bob, Art A., Donna K., and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for those who have died. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week, including remembering especially Fran Rodegher (10/3), Stephen Eells (10/4), Declan Anderson (10/5), Kim Davis (10/5), and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Continuing Prayer List

Neal Harris, Tim O'Shea, Carol Baldwin, Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Jeff Baez, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Brian, Joan Hamilton, Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ella & Nicole, Patricia Angelou, Lou and Heidi Schjuntz.

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Book study Group: Mondays, 11:30 -1:00 p.m.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 5 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Fall Book Study Group: “The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World” The book study continues on Mondays from 11:30-1:00 p.m., concluding Nov. 25. You are encouraged to bring lunch if you would like to share fellowship afterward. We will supply beverages.

Pumpkin Party

The Pumpkin Fest is coming back next weekend, October 5 & 6 (Saturday 9-3 and Sunday 12-4). There will be lots of fun activities plus a Tag Sale a Bake Sale, crafts, vendors, apples, cider and mums for sale and of course, Pumpkins and Gourds. Free hayrides & s’mores over a fire pit. Breakfast for early birds and lunch will be available.



Lots of help will be needed in preparation and on the days of the event. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the church or call the Eatons to get an assignment (860-228-3487; eaton_c@sbcglobal.net)

Also, if you have any items related to Fall, Halloween, or Thanksgiving that you no longer use or want, please consider donating them to the Tag Sale. You may deliver them to the hall anytime during office hours (9-12) or by appointment.

The Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Sunday the 6th in the Memorial Garden at 2 p.m., honoring St. Francis, the protector of animals. Bring your pets to be blessed.

**“All creatures great and small...
The Lord God made them all”**



October 6, 2024 at 2:00 pm
“The Blessing of the Animals”
at St. Peter’s Memorial Garden
30 Church Street, Hebron

Bring your pet, great or small to this warm and meaningful event.
We will accept gifts of kibble, kitty litter, etc. to donate to local food pantries.