

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM + September 22, 2024

Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two The Word of God

Prelude: 3 Liturgical Preludes: II. Andante espressivo

George Oldroyd

Hymn: "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine"

Blue Hymnal 477

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Gloria: Glory to God

LEVAS 243

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Said in unison

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.**

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

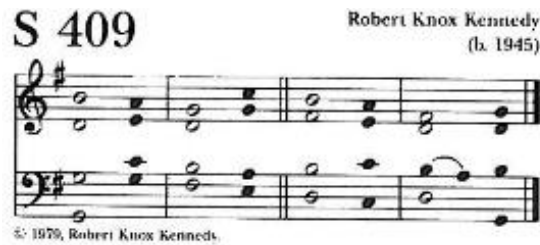
The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

People’s response after the reading

Thanks be to God.



- 1 Save me, O God, by your **Name**; *
in your might, defend my **cause**.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O **God**; *
give ear to the words of my **mouth**.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my **life**, *
those who have no regard for **God**.
- 4 Behold, God is my **helper**; *
it is the Lord who sustains my **life**.
- 5 Render evil to those who **spy on me**; *
in your faithfulness, **destroy them**.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill **sacrifice** *
and praise your Name, O **LORD**, for it is **good**.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every **trouble**, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my **foes**.

A reading from the letter of St. James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

People's response after the reading

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation"

Blue Hymnal 636 (vv.1-3)

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37

People's response before the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

People’s response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Hank Junkin

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, standing.

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— from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary

The Leader and People pray responsively

Merciful Lord, hear us as we consider the needs of the world and your people as we pray, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church in all places around the world and give you thanks that we share one faith and one hope that begins and ends with you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needs of our nation, for those who live in states we have never seen, for those who face natural disasters we have not experienced and whom we hope to serve in their time of need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. May we share one another’s joys and burdens. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Especially for ... [Names from prayer list in insert]. We pray for those desperate for cures, those waiting for a miracle, those who need diagnosis and comfort and prayer. Deliver the sick from fear and pain, give sleep to the restless and comfort to those in need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying and those who sit at bedsides weeping. Bring comfort and deliverance, Lord, for our eternal rest is always in you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask these prayers in the name of our savior Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God everlasting. Amen.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins to God. *(Silence may be kept.)*

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.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace *All stand*

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements:

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: "Prayer to Jesus"

Music: George Oldroyd, Text: Richard Rolle

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.**

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.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

LEVAS 255

**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 stand or kneel.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.*

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

**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

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

LEVAS 268

Communion Music: "When We Walk with the Lord"

Music: D.B. Towner; John Hooker, Text: J.H. Sammis

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

Hymn: "Sing ye faithful. sing with gladness" *Blue Hymnal 492(vv. 1-3)*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Voluntary in B flat

Jonathan Battishill

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAY FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Church of North India (United)

In our Diocese: *Churches of the North Shore Deanery*, Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, St. Mary's Church, Rockport

We also pray for the faith communities in Chelmsford: Central Congregational Church

PRAY FOR THOSE JOINING GOD'S MISSION IN OUR PARISH:

For All those who supported the Photo Show

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH IN NEED OF HEALING:

Garrett Burgess recovery of his sight

PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS:

Robin MacKenzie Daughter of Jan MacKenzie- cancer

Matt Hickcox Former Parishioner- treatment for cancer

Deb Whitney Friend & co-worker of Marlene Hillman - brain surgery

Bill Mayer Friend of Liz Landers – in rehab

Chuck Provost Brother of Linda Ouellette – dialysis

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME, IN NURSING HOMES, OR LIVING WITH

CHRONIC ILLNESSES: Chaz Freeman, Ken Lager, Katherine Luetters, Garrett Burgess, Ginny Wright, Carolyn Zannini, Jack Stansfield, Vi Flumerfelt, Ann Smith, Evelyn Sims and Diana Green.

All Saints' Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts

The Rev. Sean Maloney, Rector

Dr. John Carlo Pierce, Director of Music

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STATEMENT OF INCLUSION FOR ALL SAINTS' PARISH

All Saints' Episcopal Church welcomes all people who seek the love of God without regard to ability, age, color, economic circumstance, ethnic background, family configuration, gender, nationality, or sexual orientation.

We promise to "seek and to serve Christ in all persons ...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being" (From the Baptismal Covenant).

ASSISTING With SERVICES

8 AM

Crucifer: Edith Parekh

Litanist: Edith Parekh

Chalice: Steve Hawthorne

10 AM

Crucifer: Julia Hannaford

Server: Omowonuola Obafemi

Torch Bearer: Orietioluwase Obafemi

Book: Dideoluwa Obafemi

Litanist: Lois Freeman

Chalice: Bob Andrews

Lector 1st Lesson: Erik Forsberg

Lector 2nd Lesson: Dave Kuzara

Greeters: Elizabeth Danieli and Liz Landers

Altar Guild: Linda Cahill and Virginia Jengo

Counters: Beth-Anne Economou and Tricia Mescall

Usher: Chris Hannaford

Stream: Sandy Chinavare and Brian Hunter



SUN. OCT. 6TH

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Last year we packed the building to pack 20,000 meals. This year we do it all again, only bigger! With a new goal of 25,000 meals we will need everyone that can be there. In fact we want you to invite some friends! Hopefully you remember how much fun and how great a feeling last year was. In just two short hours we were able to provide meals for 80,000 people! That is an impact that is worthy of repeating.

This year we will gather once again on October 6th to pack, laugh, and do good things! Last year we were able to cover the cost in total through funds we had available. This year as we move into a more sustainable model we invite you to think about helping us offset the cost. You can also share it on your social media and invite others to share in the good work we are doing.

Please register, which is the most important step, using this QR code:

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Matthew 25:35-37



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