

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 26, 2018, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

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The Word of God

Prelude: Abide with Me

William Henry Monk

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Processional Hymn

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Hymn #408

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

All **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.**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Huang

Preacher/Gospeller: The Very Rev Paula Vukmanic

Deacon: The Rev. Laurel Coote

Please remain seated, and join in singing,

The Response

Psalm 34: 15-22

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The eyes of God are on the just, his ears are open to their
 He saves the right - eous in their need, for when they cry, the Lord will
 The trou - bles of the just are great and yet the Lord will save his
 E - vil shall slay the false, and those who hate the just shall know his

5 cry; his face is set a - gainst the false, to root them out from mem - o - ry.
 hear; those crushed in spi - rit he will save; the bro - ken heart - ed he is near.
 own and keep them safe from ev - 'ry harm; not one shall break a sin - gle bone.
 5 wrath; he ran - soms all his ser - vants' lives and chas - tens none who walk his path.

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The Second Lesson—Ephesians 6:10-20

2nd Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,
The Gospel Procession

Speak, O Lord (first verse)

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to re-ceive the food of your Ho-ly Word.
Speak, O Lord, and re-new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fas-hion us in your like-ness; that the
Truths un-changed from the dawn of time, that will ech-o down through e-ter-ni-ty. And by
light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
grace we'll stand on your pro-mis-es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, and ful-fill in us all your pur-po-ses for your glo-ry.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glo-ry.

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The Holy Gospel—John 6:56-69

† Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please join in singing the second verse of 'Speak, O Lord'.

Please remain seated for

† The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

The People join in reading the words in bold.

Sustaining God, create in us hearts open to the transforming power of your love.

You invite us to gather the world's needs into our hearts and to trust your compassionate Presence.

For the people of God throughout the world, for those in civil and religious leadership, and for us gathered as your church family. God of wisdom, **let us fulfil your vision entrusted to us.**

For goodwill among nations, for the well-being of all people, and for boldness in confronting issues of inequality, hatred, greed, violence, and prejudice. God of justice, **let us be an authentic light in our world.**

For all who serve in our civil services, especially first responders, and in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. God of peace, **let us be strong to help and serve.**

For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, those in prison or afraid. Let us pray for all facing challenges, especially: Andrea, Susie Allen, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Rob Fitting, Amalia Fraker, Hector Gutierrez, Mary Louise Gordon, Mama Hill, Nancy Jacobsmeyer, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, Karen Pearson, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith and Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).*

God of all healing, **let us become whole and holy.**

For all those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, violence and abuse of any kind in our country and around the world, from the consequences of natural disasters, for those who grieve from tragic loss, and for prayers for a healing resolution of the crisis on our border.

God of protecting love and strength, **let us be instruments of your peace and protection.**

For all who anticipate birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events...

(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).

God of all we have, **let us be grateful for moments of blessing.**

For those we love but see no longer, for all those who have died... *(please add your own prayers silently or out loud).*

God of comfort and grace, **let us live for you all the days of our lives.**

Let us pray together:

Watch over your children, O God, as our days increase; bless and guide us wherever we may be. Strengthen us when we stand; comfort us when discouraged or sorrowful; raise us up if we fall; and in our hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide in us all the days of our lives. Amen.

(Collect no. 51 from the Book of Common Prayer.)

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Please stand or kneel as able

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.**

Please stand as able for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Ich folge dir gleichfalls
Jill Fenske Lynch, solo

J.S. Bach

*Ich folge dir gleichfalls mit freudigen Schritten
und lasse dich nicht, mein Leben, mein Licht.
Befördre den Lauf und höre nicht auf.
Selbst an mir zu ziehen, zu schieben, zu bitten.*

*I follow thee gladly with joyful steps
and leave you not, my life, my light.
Pursue thy journey and don't stop
Continue to draw me on, to push me, to urge me.*

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

Hymn #380 v. 3

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Music after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?) Words by Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.

Please remain standing for,
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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing,



Sanctus

Holy, Holy

LAND OF REST

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
6 full of your glo-ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes, in the name of the
12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LAND OF REST American Folk Tune, Arrangement by Annabel Buchanan (1889-1983)Worship, Love , & Praise #859

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves.

We would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you."

"Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

"Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your Creation this bread and this wine.

† By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring all of us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant 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

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

Fraction Anthem

Here, O My Lord

MORECAMBE

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things un-seen; here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter-nal grace, and all my wea-ri-ness up - on thee lean.

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889 MORECAMBE by Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.*

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Communion Music

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near, when my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant We send you out to share this Holy Communion with our brother/sister _____.

People **May you be guided by the Holy Spirit as you share this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who share in this Communion be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray together our Mission Statement:

All **We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.**

The Blessing

✠ Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Recessional Hymn

I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light

Hymn #490

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: Festive Trumpet Tune

David German