

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

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## Important Covid Safety Reminders

In accordance with LA County Public Health requirements, Bishop Taylor has requested that although social distancing is no longer required, masks must be worn at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Non-vaccinated persons must continue to wear masks and maintain a six foot distance from those not in your immediate household at all times on campus, both indoor and outdoor.

Some areas of the nave remain taped off for those who must remain distanced and for those, though vaccinated, choose to do so. You may sing during the hymns if you are fully vaccinated but please refrain if you are not vaccinated. We are confident that you will treat one another with love, dignity, and respect.

*Please also note that we publicly livestream our worship service.*

## The Word of God

*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*

*John Rutter*

*Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.*

Processional Hymn

**Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless**

**Hymn #343, v. 1-4**

Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless  
We would not live by bread a - lone,  
Be known to us in break - ing bread,  
Lord, sup with us in love di - vine,

5  
thy cho - sen pil - grim flock with man - na  
but by thy word of grace, in strength of  
5 and do not then de - part; Sa - vior, a -  
thy Bo - dy and thy Blood, that liv - ing

9  
in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing place.  
bide with us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
9 bread, that heav'n - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Hymn #343 The Hymnal 1982. ST AGNES John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Rev. Jerry Sather  
**Cantor:** Lloyd Mistele

## The Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, and say together.*

## Canticle of Praise

**A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;**

**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;**

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;**

**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;**

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths;**

**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

1<sup>st</sup>Reader A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

1<sup>st</sup>Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The Response Psalm 19:7-14, *Caeli enarrant*

Reader Let us read from Psalm 19 responsively by half verse—(the People reading the text in **bold**).

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.**

The Second Lesson James 5:13-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

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 for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymn #635, v. 1, 2

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways, Sing, pray, and keep his way un-serv-ing; so do thine own part faith-ful-ly, he'll give thee strength what-e'er be-tide thee, and bear thee through the e-vil days. and trust his word, though un-de-serv-ing; thou yet shalt find it true for thee; Who trusts in God's un-chang-ing love builds on a rock that nought can move. God nev-er yet for-sook in need the soul that trust-ed him in-deed." The score includes measure numbers 9 and 17.

Words and Music by Georg Neumark (1621-1681) Hymn #635 in Hymnal 1982

Please remain standing, as able.

The Holy Gospel Mark 9:38-50

Celebrant The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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.**

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

*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 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.  
              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.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able, for*

### The Prayers of the People

*“Are any among you suffering? They should pray.”*

Since the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective, let us pray for the church and the world saying, Lord in your mercy, “hear our prayer.”

For the church: that we would be made wise by the Word, be filled with the Spirit, restore those who wander, and be at peace with one another.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our St Francis Parish: that God would quiet our minds and feelings and guide our hearts to discover the one chosen to lead our parish in sharing the light of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(Inspired by Darryl Tillman)*

For the good earth which God has given us: that we would have the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who govern and hold authority in the world: that there may be justice and peace on the earth. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves: that we would have grace to confess our sins to one another, to pray for one another, and to be healed through forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the sick and suffering in body, mind, or spirit: (*please add your prayers either silently or aloud...*) that God will renew the gift of life in them and restore them to activity and health.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died: (*please add your prayers either silently or aloud...*) that God's will for them will be fulfilled and that we may share with all the saints in glory.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:*

Raise us up, O Lord, for it is you alone who restores life and health to the suffering and to those who wander from the truth. By your grace may we continue to offer powerful and effective prayers for one another and world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

*From Enriching our Worship*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

*Please STAND or kneel as able, and join in saying,*

**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.**

## The Absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People**    **And also with you.**

*Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

*Please remain seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets will be placed at the exit of the church as you leave.*

Offertory Anthem

*The Lamb*

*Mark Bennett*

*Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee.  
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.  
By the stream & o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice!  
Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee.*

*Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek & he is mild,  
He became a little child:  
I a child & thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.*

*[Songs of Innocence, 1789. William Blake (1757-1827)]*

*Solo: Mark Bennett, Refrain: St. Francis Choir*

*Readings: Lloyd Mistele (John 3:5), Susie Zimmerman (Matthew 18:1, 3-5),*

*Suellen Eslinger (I Corinthians 1:27)*

*"Dedicated to my mother, Charleen Francis Bennett,  
from whom I inherited not only the gifts of music, but also of kindness, gentleness, immutable faith,  
and, especially, love."*

*Please STAND, as able,*

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, all these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people join in reading the parts in bold.*

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.**

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 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*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or STAND as you prefer.*

*The Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in bold.*

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

**Jesus 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 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 shed 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 forever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* And now, 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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People    We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For our online community—*an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

## The Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Please return to your seats before consuming the elements. If you do not wish to receive, 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 Communion to be brought to you.** Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.*

Following communion, please STAND, as able,

## The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Celebrant 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 if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.

Recessional Hymn

**Come Down, O Love Divine**

**Hymn #516, v. 1, 2, 3**

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/2. The score is divided into four systems, with measure numbers 6, 10, and 16 indicated at the beginning of the second, third, and fourth systems respectively. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of  
O let it free - ly burn, til earth - ly pas - sions  
And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will  
mine, and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;  
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear, and  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight, and  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place where -  
kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

## The Sending Forth

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Allegro*

*Theodore Dubois*

*You are invited to be seated during the postlude to pray or simply to enjoy the music.*

*Alternatively, you may depart in peace following the Sending Forth.*

*Please join us for a coffee fellowship under the arches.*

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**



*Names of those we pray for this week.*

**All those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families:** Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

**All those who are sick or in need of any kind:** Andrea, Barbara, Jane Africano, Claudia, Nancy Christian-son, Mark Duley, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Jeff Ferme, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Shelby Martyniak, Michael, Joy Merrill, Mike Mohuchi, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Annie Ross, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Sue, Jonah and Jada Woullard, Ted Wong.