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**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

**October 1, 2023.....11:00 a.m.**

*The Rev. Garrett Boyte, Celebrant*

*The liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book).  
Hymns and Service Music (S) are in the Hymnal 1982.*

**PIANO PRELUDE ..... 2 Variations on SCHMÜCKE DICH (Hymn #339) ..... G. Liardon (1973–2018)**

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**HYMN 686 ..... Come, thou fount of every blessing ..... NETTLETON**

*The liturgy continues on page 355 of the Prayer Book.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**SONG OF PRAISE S-236 ..... John Rutter (b. 1945)**

**THE 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 word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

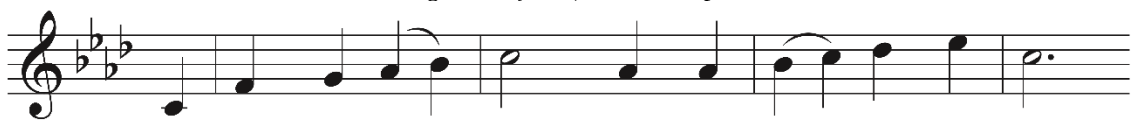
Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their

life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25:1-8.....Refrain: LEONI; verses: plainsong, tone 2.i

*The choir sings the refrain, then all repeat.*



Re - mem - ber, O — LORD, your com - pas - sion and love,



for they are from ev - er - last - ing.

*The choir chants the verses and all respond with the refrain as marked.*

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

***Refrain***

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth  
and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly. ***Refrain***

**THE EPISTLE.....Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

HYMN 492 ..... Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness..... FINNIAN

THE HOLY GOSPEL .....Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

THE NICENE CREED.....Prayer Book, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV.....Prayer Book, page 388

CONFESSION OF SIN .....Prayer Book, page 360

THE PEACE

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM ..... There's a wideness in God's mercy..... Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

*The anthem text may be found at Hymn #470.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EOW EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

*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.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of 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 S-127.....Calvin Hampton

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come we may praise your Name for ever.

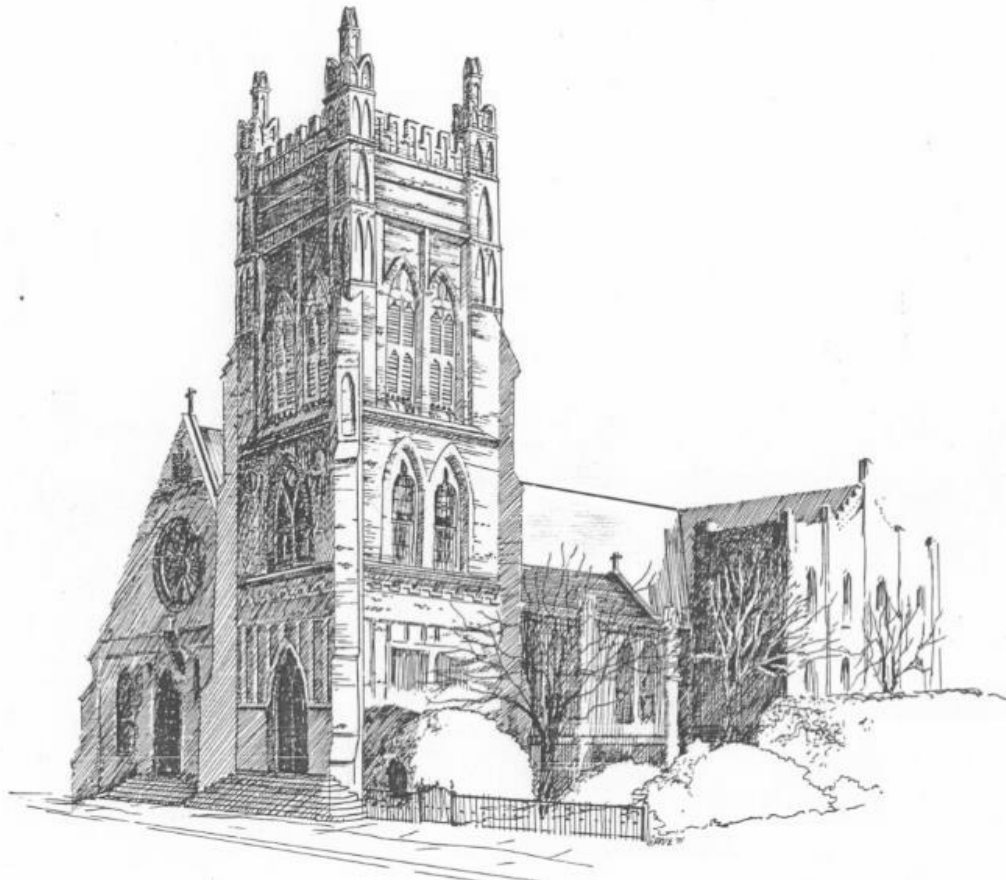
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

FRACTION ANTHEM..... Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*All Baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Eucharist in The Episcopal Church. If you are not comfortable receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the altar rail to indicate that you would prefer a blessing. You are also welcome to remain seated. We encourage you to do whatever is authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.*

HYMN LEVAS 196.....Leaning on the everlasting arms.....LEANING  
The hymn is found on the following 2 pages.



1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness,  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace

what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;

Lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929)

Music: LEANING, Anthony J. Showalter (1858-1924);  
arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

HYMN 439 ..... What wondrous love is this, O my soul! ..... WONDROUS LOVE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION ..... Prayer Book, page 365

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 344 ..... Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing ..... SICILIAN MARINERS

PIANO POSTLUDE ..... Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 850 ..... J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

“Today’s collect has undergone several revisions. The 1549 version reads:

*God, which declarest thy almighty power, most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; give unto us abundantly thy grace that we, running to thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

“The words ‘mercy and pity’ would be more literally translated ‘sparing and showing compassion.’ ‘Give unto us abundantly thy grace’ might be more literally ‘multiply upon us your grace.’

“In 1662 the revised petition read: ‘Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we running the way of thy Commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure.’ That revision seemed to make the receiving of heavenly treasure a reward for obedience to the commandments rather than a free gift of grace which we pray that we might run forward eagerly to receive. In the present revision, the collect is revised to make it similar to Cranmer’s version. The preamble states with striking force that the supreme demonstration of God’s power is shown not in creation and providence, but in his redemptive love and mercy.”

– Marion J. Hatchett’s *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*

This month the Eucharistic Prayer is drawn from *Enriching Our Worship 1* (1998), a supplement to the 1979 Prayer Book. As Phoebe Pettingell, then member of the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music, wrote:

The ultimate aim of expansive language experiments in the Episcopal Church is to create a language of prayer for all God’s people. (*EOW 1*, p. 11)

The development of expansive language liturgies began in 1989 and culminated in the approval of a volume with The Daily Office, Great Litany, and Holy Eucharist at General Convention in 1997. Five further volumes have since been approved. These address Ministry with the Sick or Dying (2000), Burial of Adults and Children (2000, 2006), Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of a New Rector or Other Pastor (2006), Childbearing, Childbirth, and Loss (2009), and Blessing Relationships (2018). As in Lent, our hope is to show some of the breadth of worship materials afforded by the Episcopal Church.



