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

September 22, 2024 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Garrett Boyte, *Celebrant*

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

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Andante con moto in E-flatA. Guilmant (1837–1911)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty..... LOBE DEN HERREN

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO S-277David Hurd (b. 1951), *New Plainsong*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON Wisdom 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.

PSALM 54.....Simplified Anglican chant: R.K. Kennedy (b. 1945)



One measure of music is sung per half-verse, changing pitch at the slash.

- 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, de-/stroy 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.
- † *Second half of chant.*

THE EPISTLE..... 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.

HYMN 574 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel.....**ST. PETERSBURG**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

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.”

SERMON..... The Rev. Garrett Boyte

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

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

CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book, p. 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 379God is love, let heav'n adore him ABBOT'S LEIGH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B Prayer Book, p. 367

SANCTUS S-127..... Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

FRACTION ANTHEM.....John Foley, SJ (b. 1939)

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And

we, though man-y, through-out the earth,

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

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 what is most authentic to your beliefs and comfortable to your convictions.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM.....Nearer, my God, to theearr. Georgiann Toole

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
Though like the wanderer, sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
Or if, on joyful wing, cleaving the sky, sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

– Sarah F. Adams (1805–1848), based on Genesis 28:10-22

HYMN 482 Lord of all hopefulness SLANE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Prayer Book, p. 365

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 477 All praise to thee ENGELBERG

ORGAN POSTLUDE Voluntary on the Old Hundredth (Hymn #380).....H. Purcell (1659–1695)

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday..... Holy Eucharist, 9:00 (Chapel) & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday..... Book club, 10:30 (Library)
Holy Eucharist, Noon
Monday–SaturdayDaily Office, 6:00 p.m. (Online)

The Evensong scheduled for September 29 has been postponed to a later date to be announced.

ECW pickle-making will begin Wednesday, October 2. If you have empty wide-mouth jars from last year's pickles, please bring them to the undercroft.

The ECW Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 2.

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