



# The Holy Eucharist The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024

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## CHORAL PRELUDE

*Beautiful One*

Hughes

## HYMN 390

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe den Herren

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you our 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 LEVAS 243**

*Glory to God in the highest*

Haywood

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Page 234, Book of Common Prayer

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 BOOK PROVERBS**

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?  
 She is far more precious than jewels.  
 The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
 and he will have no lack of gain.  
 She does him good, and not harm,  
 all the days of her life.  
 She seeks wool and flax,  
 and works with willing hands.  
 She is like the ships of the merchant,  
 she brings her food from far away.  
 She rises while it is still night  
 and provides food for her household  
 and tasks for her servant-girls.  
 She considers a field and buys it;  
 with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
 She girds herself with strength,  
 and makes her arms strong.  
 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
 Her lamp does not go out at night.  
 She puts her hands to the distaff,  
 and her hands hold the spindle.  
 She opens her hand to the poor,  
 and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
 She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
 for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
 She makes herself coverings;  
 her clothing is fine linen and purple.  
 Her husband is known in the city gates,  
 taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
 She makes linen garments and sells them;  
 she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
 Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
 and she laughs at the time to come.  
 She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
 She looks well to the ways of her household,  
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
 Her children rise up and call her happy;  
 her husband too, and he praises her:

“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 1, Beatus vir qui non abiit*

BCP page 585

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES**

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.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 635**

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Wer nur den lieben Gott

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part  
all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;  
and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -  
chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Alan D. Bentrup

*A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon*

**THE NICENE CREED**

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

Hear Our Prayer

*Deacon or other leader*

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 the 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. We pray especially for The Church of North India, St. Mary's in Cypress, St. Stephen's in Huntsville, Trinity in The Woodlands, First United Methodist, and Florence Holiness Church.

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 who we hope to serve in their time of need. We pray especially for the students, teachers and staff of The Covenant School, East High, and Thomas Jefferson High.

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.**

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 those in need. We pray especially for those we now name.

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. *We pray especially for N.*

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.**

*After the prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Minister and People*

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.

**THE PEACE**



**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** And also with you.

**OFFERTORY** *The 3rd Sunday loose offerings are designated for the Clergy benevolence fund.*

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**OFFERTORY HYMN 472**

*Hope of the world, thou Christ*

Donne secours



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est hea - ven,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



1 speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
2 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
3 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,  
4 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
5 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



1 Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
2 still let thy Spi - rit un - to us be giv - en  
3 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
4 we rend - er back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
5 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



1 who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
2 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.  
3 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
4 take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.  
5 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for ev - er reign!

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**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*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*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.  
 By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS HYMN S 125**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Proulx

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
 as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the

presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

### Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM WLP 865

*Alleluia! Christ our Passover*

Cavuoti

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.


COMMUNION HYMN 414

*God, my King, thy might confessing*

Stuttgart



1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I  
2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -  
3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and  
4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and  
5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,



1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing,  
2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,  
3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,  
4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure,  
5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;



1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.  
 2 age to age his power shall teach.  
 3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.  
 4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.  
 5 all his works his good - ness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;  
 thee shall all thy saints adore:  
 King supreme shall they confess thee,  
 and proclaim thy sovereign power.

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**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*There is a Longing*

Quigley

**SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*This week's visitor is John Wieden.*

*Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,*

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*The People respond,*

**We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.*

**THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Page 365 Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant and People together standing*

**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.**

**THE BLESSING**

**HYMN 669**

*Commit thou all that grieves thee*

*Herzlich tut mich ver langen*

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with  
 2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -  
 3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -  
 4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the  
cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for  
right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their  
fraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their  
thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it  
an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom  
keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis  
bring thee to pine in grief and care? God  
choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and  
mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.  
ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.  
bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.  
in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Aria (Water Music in G)*

Handel

## *Altar Flower Dedications*

The flowers on the altar have been dedicated this week by  
Mary Anderson in memory of Steve Anderson on his birthday.



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