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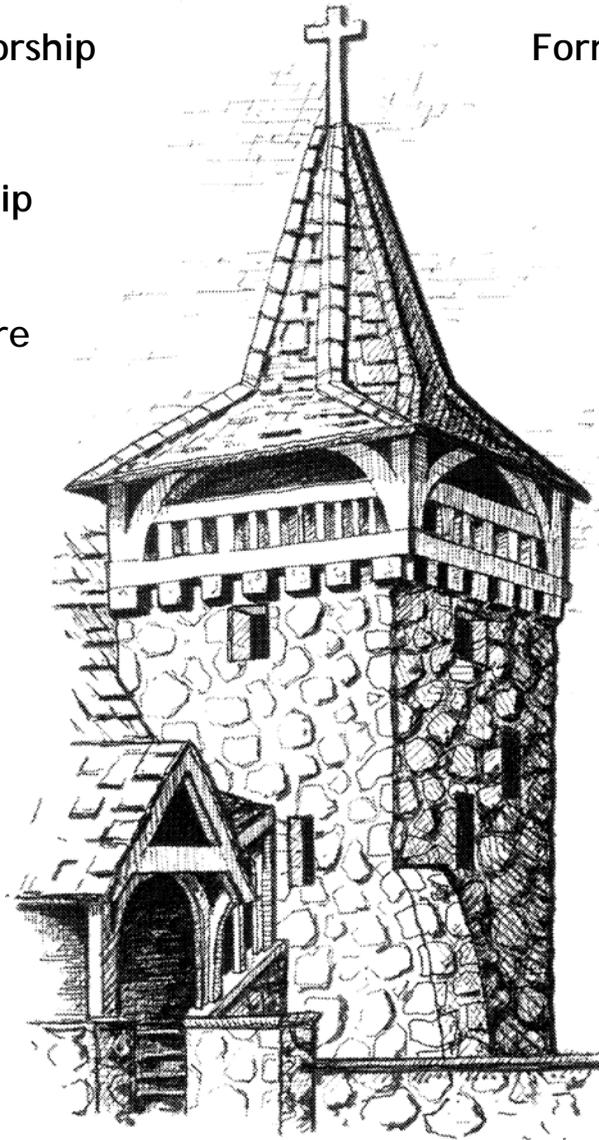
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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021
TEN - FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal, or for hymns 721 – 906 in the green hymnal supplement – Wonder, Love & Praise.

Voluntary: Baroques: Sarabande

Seth Bingham

The Great Bell “Bethlehem” sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell and sing

The Processional Hymn No. 377

OLD 100TH

The Word of God

Prayer Book page # 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant may say

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.**

The following hymn is sung, all standing (Music is found in the WLP # 900)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav’nly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book page # 233

The Celebrant says to the people 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.**

The Lessons

Prayer Book page # 357

The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say

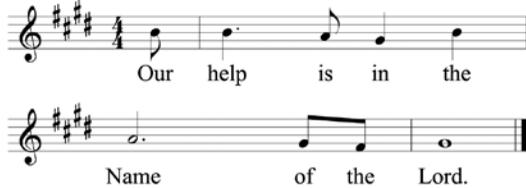
The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Esther (7:1-6, 9-10; (:20-22)

The Gradual Psalm 124 Nisi quia Dominus

Prayer Book page # 781

The congregation is invited to sing with the choir the antiphon.



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A Reading from the Letter of James (5:13-20)

The People stand and sing

The Sequence Hymn No. 683

BEATITUDO

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:38-50)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Rev'd Canon Michael Bamberger

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book page # 358

**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 prayers are led by the deacon. The Leader and People pray responsively.

The deacon begins. Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church. For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael the Presiding Bishop; for John, the bishop of Los Angeles and Diane our bishop suffragan; and Michael, Josh, and Ed our clergy, and for all the baptized in this congregation. Father, enliven the Church for its mission

People: **that we may be salt of the earth and light for the world**

Leader: Breathe fresh life into your people

People: **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader: We pray for the needs of the world. For peace in nations and regions afflicted by war. For those who are working for peace, for members of the military and their loved ones, especially _____. For freedom from threats and terror, and for those working to bridge differences in cultures and peoples. For those affected by drought, famine, and natural disasters and for those who work for world relief and development. Creator of all, lead us and all people into ways of justice and peace.

People: **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader: We pray for the community. For our elected leaders, and all who work for the well-being and safety of our neighborhoods. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others *People:* **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader: We give thanks for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries, especially _____.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours

People: **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader: We pray for those in need, and for needs of our own.. For healing for those who are sick, especially _____, and for the terminally ill, especially _____.

For those in prison, especially _____.

For safety for those who are traveling or on vacation. And for other needs we name silently or aloud, _____. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People: **May they know the power of your healing love.**

Leader: Make us willing agents of your compassion.

People: **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Leader: We remember those who have died and those who mourn. We remember in particular _____.

We remember with thanksgiving all those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. *People:* **Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Leader: Give comfort to those who mourn. *People:* **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Leader: We pray for ourselves and our ministries. We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: **Forgive us our sins, intentional and through neglect, and our weaknesses, momentary and life-long. Help us, through your love, to heal wrongs and the hurts we have caused others. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

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The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, an anthem will be sung.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

music: John Rutter

text: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Representatives of the congregation would in non-pandemic times bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and sing the following

The Offertory Hymn No. 410

LAUDA ANIMA

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page # 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-120")

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Here a proper preface is sung.*) 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 (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-125")

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

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing, or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-135")

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Celebrant (Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-119”)

**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

Prayer Book page # 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung
(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-152”)*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

The following Fraction Anthem will be sung (Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-164”)

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

Please follow the directions of the ushers to approach the Communion Station. The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

All are welcome to receive of this sacrament of Christ’s Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest or deacon distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind.

For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

After Communion, the people stand and sing

Hymn No. 318

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Prayer Book page # 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 people then stand and sing

The Final Hymn No. 609

GARDINER

The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Voluntary: Baroques: Voluntary

Seth Bingham

Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary or kneel in meditation. Following the Voluntary, the Angelus will be rung.

☩. An angel of the LORD spoke to Mary, ℟̄. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Greetings, gracious Mary; the LORD is with you: you are a favored woman, and favored is your son, Jesus.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the time of our death.

☩. See the handmaid of the LORD. ℟̄. May it be done to me according to your word.

Greetings, gracious Mary;

☩. And the Word was made flesh. ℟̄. And dwelt among us.

Greetings, gracious Mary;

☩. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. ℟̄. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O LORD, you made known to us the incarnation of your Son, the Christ, by the message of an angel: pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Altar Flowers are given by Phoebe and Sam Prentice in honor of Mommy's birthday

IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

Announcements for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021

THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP will be gathering at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28th at Domenicos Monrovia Italian Restaurant - 236 W Huntington Dr, Monrovia, CA 91016. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at ray@madre.net or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

THE RECTOR'S FORUM (Thursday, September 30th, from 9:00-10:00 AM) We have started a new book – The Mystery of Faith, by John-Francis Friendship. The Forum has resumed meeting in person in the Rector's Office.

WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST: Sundays, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursdays at 8:15am

BETWEEN THE MASSES - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person today in the Parish Hall. The group meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be held next Sunday at 11:45a.m. The Youth Group will provide pet care during the 10:15 service.

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK (taken from Holy Women, Holy Men):
9/27 – Thomas Traherne (*priest, 1674*) **9/28 – Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, Margery Kemp** (*Mystics, 1349, 1396, c.1440*) **9/29 – St. Michael and All Angels** **9/30 – Jerome** (*Priest and monk of Bethlehem, 420*) **10/1 – Remegius** (*Bishop of Rheims, c.530*)

LEADERSHIP: *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

Assisting the Rector: The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

Director of Music and Organist: Dr. Debora Huffman; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;
Parish Administrator: Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Ray Smith; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson;

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