

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23, 2018

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 8:00 A.M.

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

stand

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly 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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things which 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Letter of James. (3:13—4:3, 7–8a)

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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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

4 **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *stand*
(9: 30-37)

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

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly B. Carlson

sit

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: Let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

kneel

Holy God, we pray for all your people, baptized in the name of Christ. Heal our divisions, and give us one mind in Christ. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: Stir up your church, including the Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Luke and Kelly, our clergy; our parish staff; and this congregation. By your Spirit, help us make the power of the cross known to all, that people everywhere may see your great light. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: Lift from all people the burdens of poverty, war and injustice. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: Guide those who make and execute our laws, and those who maintain our safety, that all people may know their worth as your creation. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: Strengthen us to care for the poor, the imprisoned, the victims of natural disasters, and all who suffer. Open our hands and hearts to embrace all who are in need, especially the people served by our ministry partners: Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace, and Bravely. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: Let all who suffer from sickness of body, mind, or spirit be touched by your healing grace and love, remembering especially Bryan Miller, Michael Montgomery, Sue O'Brien and Frank Rassieur. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: We remember before you all whom we love but see no more, especially Etta Jane McCarty and Nancy Sedgwick. Give them eternal rest. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Accept, O God, our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, especially for the marriage of Brittany Corey and Michael Sullivan, and above all for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ our Lord. By your Holy Spirit, show us how to serve you today, that all may know you by our love, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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 Absolution

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Presentation	Hymn 380, stanza 3	Old 100th, <i>stand</i>
All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A		p. 361
Sanctus and Benedictus		p. 362 <i>kneel</i>
The Lord's Prayer		p. 364
Breaking of the Bread		p. 364
Administration of the Sacrament		<i>sit</i>
A Prayer of Thanksgiving		p. 365, <i>kneel</i>
The Blessing		
The Dismissal		<i>stand</i>
<i>Priest:</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God.	
Organ Voluntary		

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God ...

*In honor of the marriage of
Brittany Paige Corey and Michael Patrick Sullivan.*

In memory of Nancy Ann Sedgwick, by her loving family.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:

Linda Morotz, Bud Wilson

Ushers:

Randy and Cheryl Meyer

Altar Guild:

Susan Schettler, Merrill Buettner, Claudia McMillin

Connie Lohr, DeWayne Trainer

Counters:

Bob Messey, Ann Randazzo

PRAYER LIST

In Thanksgiving For: The marriage of Brittany Paige Corey and Michael Patrick Sullivan.

For Parishioners: Bryan Miller, Sue O'Brien and Frank Rassieur.

For Family and Friends: Michael Montgomery.

For the Faithful Departed: Etta Jane McCarty.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Donna Brookman, Chris Canepa, Meg Fuller, Jimmy Grimmert, Bette Handy, Patty Hecker, Marsha Hussung, Helen Jenks, Susan Kerkerling, Sandy Lehrer, Sophia Mandl, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Ray Sellenriek, Dan Singer, Jane St. John, Timothy Vowels and Dick Williams.

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Please join us this morning after both services for a donut, in honor of our Sunday School teachers! Throughout the year our teachers create a creative, educational, and loving environment for the children of the parish. They make Sunday School memorable and fun; they share their faith and introduce children to God and Jesus; they help children grow as Christians. We couldn't thank the following parishioners enough!

Nursery: Carly Coleman, Carolyn Parham, Cathy Ely, Allie Parish,
Annabelle Medler, Natalie Reynolds, Samantha Sullivan, and Anna Wilson

Kindergarten/Grade 1: Suzy Brauer, Margit Craig, Lynn Eschenbacher,
Julie Peters, Stephen Stockwell, and Erin Toohey

Grade 2/3: Laura Dunaway, Lindsey Hogan, Jackie King, and Becca Medler

Grades 4/5: Cady Lauer, Jacquie Reck, Sarah Striler, Chris Williams, Anna Wilson

Grades 6/7: Steve Bahn, Hal Burroughs, Ginger Dutton, Bob Selsor

Confirmation Class: Cady Lauer and Andrea Osman

Ann Babington, Director of Christian Education

TODAY...

CHILDCARE is available in the Little Building from 9:00 until 11:45 a.m.

BREAKFAST & COFFEE HOUR – The Undercroft is still being renovated, but that hasn't stopped us from bringing back breakfast and coffee hour! Continental breakfast will be served this morning, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m., and coffee hour will be immediately after the 10:30 worship service, both in the Confirmation Room. Join us!

RECTOR'S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. Join Luke Jernagan **in the 4th/5th grade classroom**. In anticipation of the Presiding Bishop's visit for our 150th anniversary celebration, the topic today is a study of Bishop Michael Curry's book, *Crazy Christians*. Books are still available this morning at the Forum at a cost of \$15, and also in the Church Office during the week.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School!

YOUTH MINISTRY –The Youth Council will meet with the Rector today after church in the staff conference room to begin planning events for the upcoming program year and to plan to meet later in the week with a candidate to be our next youth minister.

THIS WEEK...

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us at St. Peter's on Tuesdays at 11:00 for Yoga in the 3rd floor Choir Room; fellowship, lunch and our weekly program will meet beginning at 11:00 in a classroom on the lower level. Our program this Tuesday is Women as Housebuilders.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the church office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the conference room across from the church office.

PRAYER GROUP – We meet on Friday mornings at 10:00 in a first floor classroom. Everyone is welcome to join us to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

RENOVATION INITIATIVE – Our renovations are moving along...As we are nearing the finish line, we would like to thank all who have already given their support, and we remind you that it isn't too late to join with others by sending your donation. Please contact the parish Finance Office if you have questions. **THANK YOU!**

BABYSITTERS NEEDED – We are looking to hire two caring individuals for church babysitting for the choir members' children during Thursday Choir rehearsals, 7:00-9:15 p.m. Contact David Sinden, dsinden@steptersepiscopal.org, 314-993-2306, ext. 105.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SAVE THE DATE – 39 and Holding will begin again on Friday evening, October 12th, at the home of Kina Shapleigh and Bruce Freimuth. More details to follow.

BOOK GROUP – Join us on Wednesday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in a lower level classroom to discuss *The Alexandria Quartet* by Lawrence Durrell.

THE WAY OF LOVE – Our Presiding Bishop has initiated the Way of Love as a seven-part rule of life to deepen our relationship with God. Join Luke Jernagan for the Rector's Forum in the 4th/5th grade classroom at 9:15 on Sunday mornings September 30th and October 7th, 21st and 28th to explore the Way of Love as a spiritual discipline.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Bring your pets, real or almost real, to the Laird Garden on **Saturday, October 6th at 10:00 a.m.** for blessing, fellowship, and treats for creatures of all kinds.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 - 30, 2018

Sunday	9/23		The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:30 a.m.	Acolyte Training
		8:45-10:00	Continental Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum
			Confirmation Class
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	9/25	12:15 p.m.	Woman's Guild Lunch
		4:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
		5:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	9/26	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
		6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study
Thursday	9/27	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	9/28	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	9/30		The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:30 a.m.	Acolyte Training
		8:45-10:00	Continental Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum
			Sandwich Makers
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist



**St. Peter's 150th Anniversary
Join in the Celebration!
October 13th and 14th**

Come to dinner on Saturday night!

Join fellow parishioners and the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, for our celebratory anniversary dinner at the Danforth Plant Science Center.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP with the reply card included in your invitation. (If you did not receive your invitation in the mail, please call the church office.)

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m.

Please wear your church nametag!

Come to church on Sunday morning!

Please take note of our revised Sunday schedule:

The Presiding Bishop's Forum

When: 9:00 a.m.

Where: In the Church (not the Undercroft).

Anniversary Eucharist – Presiding Bishop preaching and presiding

When: 10:30 a.m. (There is **no** 8:00 a.m. worship service or breakfast.)

Where: Church, with additional seating in the Undercroft and Reception Tent (video streaming of the service in both locations).

Anniversary Reception

When: Immediately following worship.

Where: The reception tent and front lawn.

Child care notes for Sunday

Infants to 1st grade: Child care provided in the Little Building from 8:30 a.m. through the end of worship.

Children in grades 2 through 5: During The Presiding Bishop's Forum only, child care provided in the Little Building. Parents will pick up older children for worship following the Forum.

Parking

Parking is available at MICDS.