

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
and the Feast of Saint Francis**



**October 4, 2020**



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

Christ, Mighty Savior

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

## OPENING HYMN

All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal 400



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O\_\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O\_\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O\_\_\_ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O\_\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O\_\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Book of Occasional Services*

*Officiant* Blessed be the God of all creation.  
*People* **And blessed be God's holy Name forever.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

*Officiant* 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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 234

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

*Lector* A reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Anglican chant*

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

*Lector* A reading from Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighty day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOMILY

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, 2018

*Officiant* Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth: On this Feast of Saint Francis, let us remember that no sparrow falls without your attention; nothing dies that is lost to you; nothing comes into being without your love. Give us just and compassionate hearts, that we may care wisely for the earth, the air, and the seas, and all the life and creatures they bear, holding fast to the vision of your peaceable reign in which all will live with you eternally; through the Risen One, Christ our Savior.

*People* **Amen.**

*Officiant* It is the priestly work of all God’s people to give thanks for God’s blessings, to ask for and lend assistance to all in need, and to stretch our hands to heal and cherish the creatures of God; this is our work of blessing.

Let us name with thanksgiving those animals for whom we care:

Let us name with thanksgiving those animals who have been our companions over the years and are no longer with us:

And let us remember the unnamed, unknown animals whose lives have benefited our own.

*Silence*

*The Officiant blesses the animals with these words,*

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and Giver of all life: Let your blessing be upon these, our fellow creatures, friends, and companions, and upon all animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and may our care for them follow the example of your bountiful mercy. Grant these animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive, like Francis of Assisi, to imitate the love of Jesus Christ.

*People* **Amen.**

*Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our bishop; Emily, Anthony, and David, our priests; Chip our deacon; and for all who seek and serve you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

*Silence*

*People* God of love,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of this world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

*Silence*

*People* God of freedom,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. We pray especially for *Pat Ald, Genet Barthwell, Barbara Baseley, Chris Beck, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Vincent Faust, Anna Herold, Hope Hoffman, Judith, Lauren Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Doris Landrum, Betty Locke, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shably, Len St. Jean, Sue Urbanski, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White*, and those we now name. *(Add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* God of mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of joy, we celebrate with all those who have birthdays this week, including *Gary McDonald, Sheila Sweeny, Julia Lenhard, Paul Abdullah*, and those we now name.  
*(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

*People* God of joy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. We pray especially for Rodney, Meade, and those we now name.  
*(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

God of grace,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, 2018

*Officiant* Let us confess to God our sins against our fellow creatures.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **God of compassion, have mercy upon us.  
Heal our relationship with all creation.  
Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect  
of the creatures who share the earth with us.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them,  
and for what we have not done to help them.  
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all your creatures,  
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.**

## PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*

## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

BCP 377

*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

attributed to St. Francis  
adapted by Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**PRESENTATION HYMN**

OLD 100TH

**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.**

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

from the *Book of Common Prayer*  
and *St. Augustine's Prayer Book* (2014)

*Officiant* In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our beloved Christ Church, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for all the blessings bestowed upon all of us.

Let all of us who desire communion now pray,

*All* **I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)*

*Officiant* Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength. Be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways for your Name's sake. Conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness, and in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the flourishing of your children and the growth of your kingdom. In your triumphant Name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is a descant, labeled 'Descant', with the lyrics 'All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,'. The second staff is the main melody, labeled 'Refrain', with the lyrics 'All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,'. The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.' The fourth staff is a second version of the refrain melody with the lyrics 'all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.'

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

*Repeat Refrain*

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## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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