The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



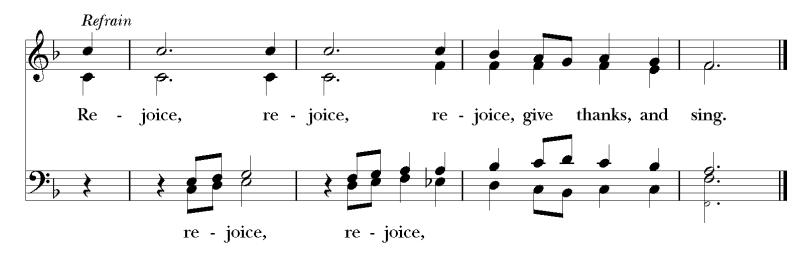
October 11, 2020



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME





*6 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their Father's house, Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

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The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of Aaron, Miriam, and Moses, you stayed the hand of your wrath when we fell into idolatry and discord; and when we forgot our deliverance, your love for us remained unchanging. Transform us and our world into a place of justice, love, and peace. Welcome us to your wedding feast where all are invited to be gathered in; through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 32:1-14

Lector A reading from Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 106:1-6,19-23

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.
- Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, and visit me with your saving help;
- That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.
- We have sinned as our forebears did; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;
- And so they exchanged their glory for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,
- Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Lector A reading from Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and

invite everyone who you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

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Officiant As God's people, strengthened by the Word, and living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All 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

Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, 2018

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 you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence

God of love,

People 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

God of freedom,

People Hear our prayer.

Reader God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us, and that all may live in safety.

Silence

God of justice,

People Hear our prayer.

Reader God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

Silence

God of peace,

People Hear our prayer.

Reader God of joy, we rejoice with Ruth Boeder and Tom Rich, who were married yesterday, and we celebrate with all those who have birthdays this week, including *Emil Landsberg, Howard Matthew, Albert Dib, Wendy Ford, Lamont Buffington, Allan Dib, Thelma McCrary,* and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

God of joy,

People 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, Ellie Collard, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Vincent Faust, Anna Herold, Hope Hoffman, Judith, Lauren Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Doris Landrum, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shahly, Len St. Jean, Sue Urbanski, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, and those we now name. (People add names silently or aloud.)

Silence

God of peace,

People 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, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. We pray especially for Betty Locke, mother of Beth Ann Tesluk, who died on Thursday, 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. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. 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 our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,

while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgments of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.

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

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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Dan Forrest, b. 1978

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever. 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)

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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

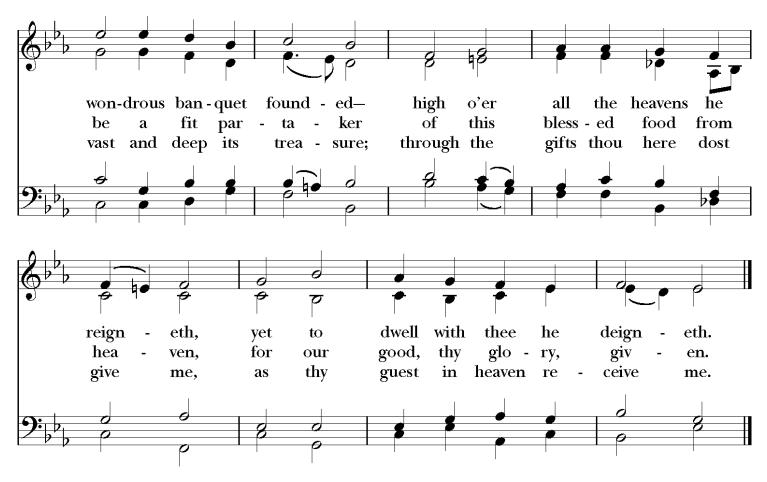
St. Augustine's Prayer Book (2014)

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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





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DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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