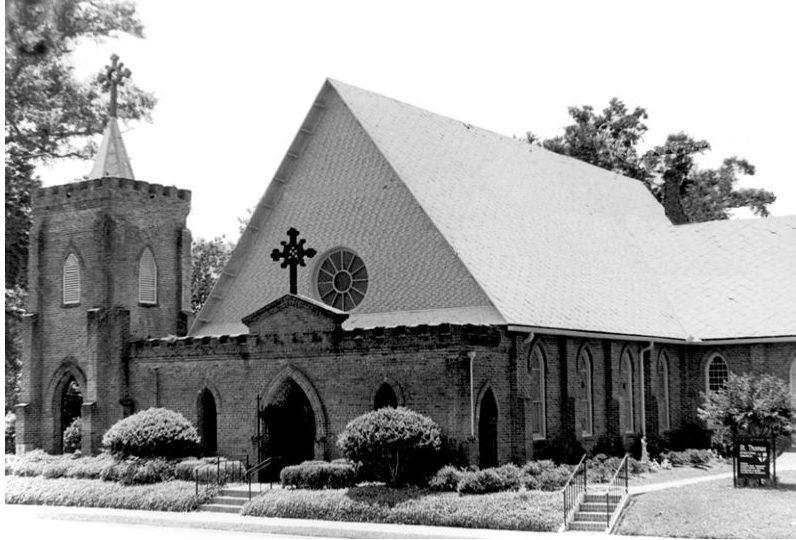


**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 4th, 2026 10:00 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

BCP – *The Book of Common Prayer*, H – *The Hymnal 1982*

S – *Service Music in The Hymnal*, A – *Alleluia III Songbook*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

### The Opening Hymn

*How firm a foundation*

H 637, V 1-3

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say then to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

### The Opening Sentences

BCP 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

### Song of Praise

*(Gloria in Excelsis)*

S 280

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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

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 which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediations of Jesus Christ, our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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 misuse his name. Remember, the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 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 19**

BCP 606

*Officiant and People*

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, \*

and the firmament shows his handiwork

<sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another, \*

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language, \*

and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> Their sound has gone out into all the lands, \*

and their message to the ends of the world.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*

the commandments of the Lord are clear and give light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; \*

the judgement of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, \*

and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends? \*

cleanse me from my secret faults.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*

O Lord my strength and my redeemer.

## Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth 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 have I 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 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 suffering 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: 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. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

## Sequence Hymn

*How firm a foundation*

H 637, V 4-5

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*“The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”*

## Gospel      Matthew 21:33-46

**Celebrant**      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 win 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 another slave, 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 so 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 produce 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 parable, 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.

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Linda Suzanne Borgen

## **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

*All say together*

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**

**Form VI**

BCP 392

*The leaders and people pray responsively*

In Peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For the community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

For [N. our presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgiving*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
Known and unknown,  
Things done and left undone;  
And so, uphold us by your Spirit  
That we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
To the honor and glory of your Name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

BCP 360

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## Confession of Sin

*All say together*

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.

## Absolution

BCP 360

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. *Amen*

## The Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

## The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*The Priest says* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to Almighty God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*(Offerings may be mailed, given to the church office, or given securely online at [www.stthomasgreenville.org](http://www.stthomasgreenville.org))*

### Offertory Anthem

*Dr. Elizabeth French*

### Doxology

H 380, v 3

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creature here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

**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 him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand 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:

*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 forever. *AMEN.*

**Sanctus**

S 125

**Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*Celebrant and People*

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**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

**Celebrant**

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.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

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

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation [*Amen.*]

## The Ministration of Communion

### Communion Hymns

Choir and Congregation

#### *Rock of ages*

H 685

*Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood from thy wounded side that flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

*Should tears forever flow, should my zeal no languor know, all for sin could no atone; thou must save, and thou alone; in my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne, Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.*

#### *Come Thy fount of every blessing*

H 686

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help. I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, bind my wandering heart to thee: Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debt or daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seat it for thy courts above.*

### Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitor

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation and our Lord Jesus Christ, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, so that those to whom you go share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People For we who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.*

### Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### **Blessing**

*Celebrant blesses the congregation saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### **Dismissal**

BCP 366

### **Recessional Hymn**

*Lord of all hopefulness*

**H 482**

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

### **Postlude**