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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II

October 11, 2020

The Rev. David Laquintano, Celebrant

Dr. Jeffrey Fowler, Organist/Choirmaster

Kaitlyn Tierney, Soloist

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. BACH/ARR. E. POWER BIGGS

ENTRANCE HYMN 412, vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6

Earth and all stars

SUNG BY SOLOIST ONLY

Earth and all stars,
loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory,
loud shouting army,
sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain: He hath done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

Hail, wind, and rain,
loud blowing snowstorms,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees,
loud rustling dry leaves,
sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Trumpet and pipes,
loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre,
loud humming cellos,
sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Knowledge and truth,
loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son,
loud praying members,
sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

Celebrant and People, all standing.

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:1-9

All Sit

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

O LORD, you are my God;
 I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
 the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
 it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
 cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 23

Remain seated

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

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.

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

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-14

All Stand

Celebrant 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 his 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 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

THE REV. DAVID LAQUINTANO

NICENE CREED

**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

All remain standing.

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 this 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 the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and our Diocesan Bishop Daniel; and for our Priest, Veronika, and for Fr. David. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Commission on Ministry, in the Diocese of Guatemala we pray for Inglesia Episcopal San Jaun Bautista, (Church of St. John the Baptist), Guatemala City, The Rev. Edna Lainfiesta.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For those listed on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

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

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God, bless the growing covenant relationship between Christ Church and St. Martin's. Deepen the ties that bind us and open our hearts to what you yearn for us. Empower us in love as we grow our mission together, so we can move forward into a future that is exciting and full of hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneel.

The Celebrant kneels and says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

**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 Priest stands and says

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.**

PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please maintain safe physical distancing.

No handshakes or other physical signs. Recommended: God's friendship is with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, ETC.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

**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 stand, sit or kneel as they are able, The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that

heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

This setting is not used in Lent.



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING AT HOME

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People: **“My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN THE CHURCH

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is received in one kind (bread) which will be distributed by the priest who will wash/sterilize hands immediately before distribution. Anyone wishing to receive communion will come up center aisle to, one person or family unit at a time; each person will receive the host the priest drops into each person’s hands (no touching; no wine); then return to their seat. Next person/family approaches after the previous recipient has sat down.

COMMUNION HYMN 317

This is the hour of banquet and of Song

SUNG BY SOLOIST ONLY

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb’s great marriage feast of bliss and love.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING AT HOME

Celebrant and People: Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.**

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 345, Vs. 1 & 2

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

SUNG BY SOLOIST ONLY

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy Name.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day:
from harm and danger keep thy children free.
for dark and light are both a like to thee.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in b minor

EUGENE GIGOUT

WE PRAY TODAY

For Lunetta, Art, Celeste, Claudia, Doug & Marilyn, Laurie, Richard & Emily, Patty, Lori, Kay, Rita, Shirley, Lee, Dolores, Dick, Rick, Dan L., Dorothy, Catherine, Paul, Tom, Stan, Jill, for refugees fleeing from the horror of war, famine, or oppression and for all who serve.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO CONNECT TO PASTOR VERONIKA? Veronika is generally in the office between 10 am and 2 pm Tuesday through Thursdays, but is available at other times by appointment. If you are not comfortable with coming in for a visit, but would like to get in touch with her, she can be reached by email at rector@christchurchithan.org or by phone at 610-596-1489. Zoom visits is also an option in addition to email and phone calls.

The Blessing of the Animals was well attended on October 4th - Thanks to Pastor Veronika and everyone who attended for the blessing of the animals. We had 18 humans and an even greater number of pets either in person or represented with pictures. It was a beautiful fall day to recognize the compassion of St. Francis.



Darrell Tiller and Yesenia Alejandro were ordained to the priesthood on 10/10 at 11 a.m. (broadcast on our [YouTube](#) and [One Love](#) channels) and Jeremiah Mustered will be ordained to the diaconate on 10/14 at 6:30 p.m. (broadcast from our [One Love Channel](#) and the [Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral Facebook](#) page.) Please keep them in your prayers.

Midweek Spiritual Connection: Noonday Prayer – Pastor Veronika will be leading a prayer group every Wednesday at 12:00 pm via Zoom. If you are unable to join us at noon, you are encouraged to pray independently and participate by using the Online Book of Common Prayer - <https://www.bcponline.org/DailyOffice/noonday.html>.

Here are the zoom details:
<https://zoom.us/j/92871967908>
or Call: 1-646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 928 7196 7908

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