



Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith  
by connecting to God and others  
while reaching out with love

Proper 19  
September 13, 2020

## Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

William J. Kirkpatrick,  
arr. Victor Labenske

*A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship*

### Opening Song 390

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

## Opening Acclamation

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

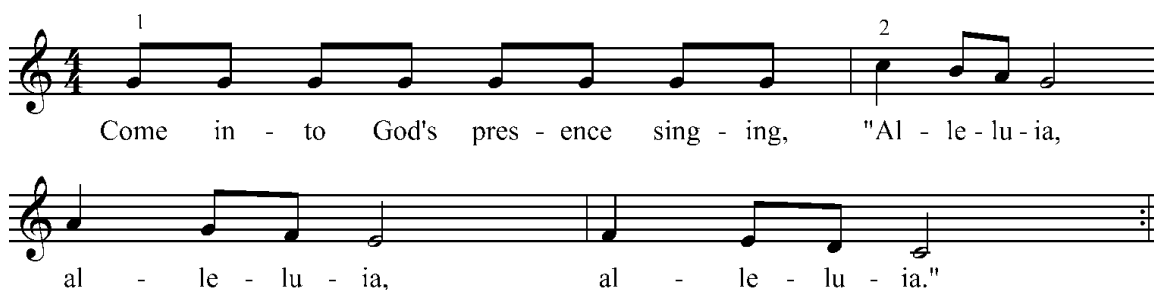
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

*Presider* Let us pray together.

**All** 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.**

## Song of Praise



Come into God's presence singing  
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise the Lord together singing  
worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.

Praise the Lord together singing  
glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

*Presider* May God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in  
all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 114

1. Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \* the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2. **Judah became God's sanctuary \* and Israel his dominion.**
3. The sea beheld it and fled; \* Jordan turned and went back.
4. **The mountains skipped like rams, \* and the little hills like young sheep.**
5. What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \* O Jordan, that you turned back?
6. **You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \* you little hills like young sheep?**
7. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \* at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8. **Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \* and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

### Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all

stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 435**

*At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow*



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
\*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due

1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;  
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;

1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord  
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,  
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;

1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.

*Presider*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

**Sermon**        The Rev. Liz Tichenor

*You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the homily.*

# Hymn

## Christ Be Our Light



1. Long-ing for light, —
2. Long-ing for peace, —
3. Long-ing for food, —
4. Long-ing for shel-ter,
5. Man - y the gifts, —



1. we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for truth, —
2. our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for hope, —
3. man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for wa - ter,
4. man - y are home - less. Long - ing for warmth, —
5. man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that



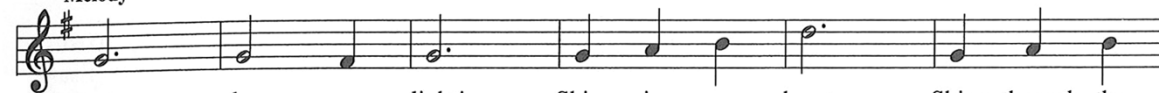
1. we turn to you. Make us your own, — your ho - ly
2. man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone — has pow'r to
3. man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, — bro - ken for
4. man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing
5. yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an -



1. peo - ple, light for the world to see. —
2. save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. —
3. oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed. —
4. oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone. —
5. oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. —

### REFRAIN

Melody



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day. —

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

*standing*

*Presider* Let us join our hearts and pray for all the world.

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all the baptized;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* We pray especially for John, Janis, Will and Cate; Paul and Karen; Myron, Fran,  
 Morgan and Grant; and Kitty, members of our parish family, and for this community.  
 Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and those affected by Covid-19 and the wildfires;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for those we name now: \_\_\_\_\_, and for Alice Keller, Jane McClary and Bobbie Seidemann.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*Leader* Praying together,

*All* **O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

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

*Silence*

**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.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Peace**

*Presider* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

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



## The Offertory

*Presider* Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:19-21*

### Offertory Music

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

William Bradbury,  
arr. Victor Labenske

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*standing*

*Presider* All things come of you, O God,  
*People* **and of your own have we given you.**

*Presider* May God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

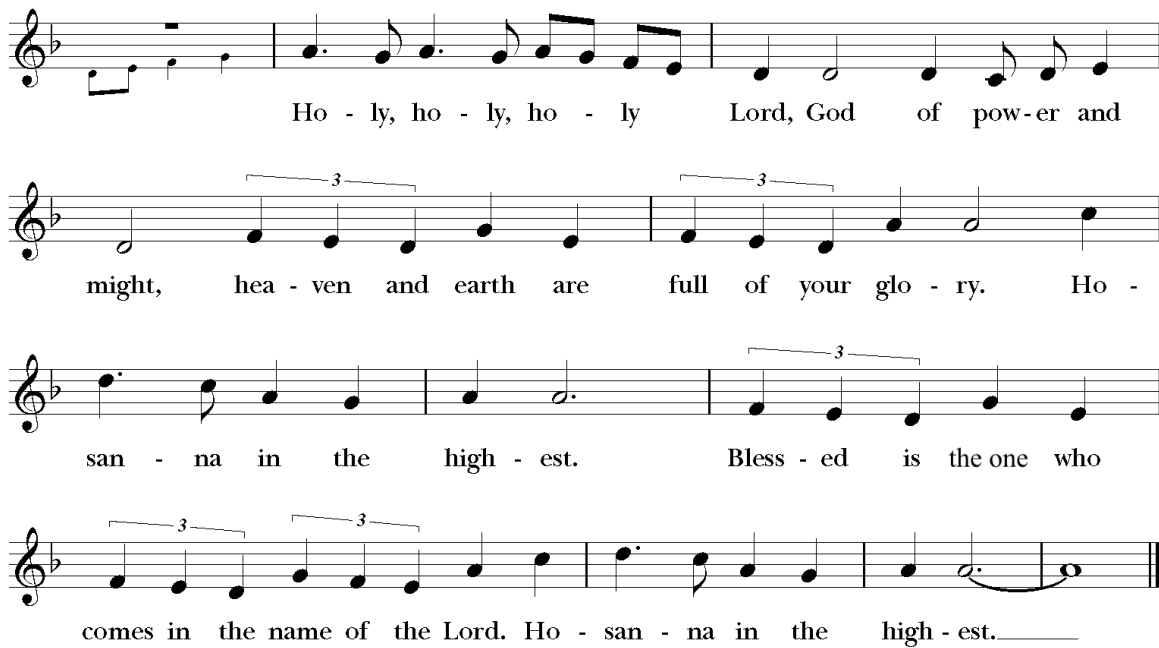
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



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 all for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Whenever you drink it,  
 do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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

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 harmony with your Christ,  
and bring us to that heavenly country  
where, with Blessed Mary the God-Bearer,  
Blessed Joseph, and 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 for ever. **Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*Cantor:*



Our Fa - ther in heaven,

*All:*

hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-

give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from ev - il. For the

king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

*The Presider breaks the Bread, and says:*

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

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

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### Announcements

#### Birthdays, Anniversaries and Milestones

#### The Hands of God



To - day, to - mor-row and al - ways we re - jice in the hands of God. May God's  
pow - er-ful hands sup - port you, May God's guid - ing hands lead you, May God's  
lov - ing hands en - fold you. We re - jice in the hands of God.

### Final Blessing

*Presider* The Wisdom of God  
the Love of God  
and the Grace of God  
strengthen you  
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 410

## *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system. The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines. The third system contains four lines of the 'Alleluia' refrain. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with block chords in the bass line.

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## Dismissal

*Presider*  
**People**

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Prayer List

Altrina	Pat
Ruth B. G.	Rick
Phyllis I.	Bob
Klaus	Teresa
Sally & Cary	Paula
Glenn	Jeff
Jennifer M.	Grace
Jim	Joy
Kirk	Amy
Jake & Family	Kathie
Carl	John
Becky	Shelly
Karen	Julie
Mark	Matthew
Kenny	Dave
Len	Pat
Peggy	John
Pauline	Rosella
Eloise	John
Katherine	Kris' family
Violaine	Betty
Jennifer	Bev
Pam	Mike
Mary Pat	Amy
Chris	Meg
Carmel	Rick
Cammy	Chaz
Robyn	Marcos
Skip	Jim
Rev. Steve	Jordan
Sasha	Dick

### **Please Pray for those in the Armed Services**

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason, John

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