

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship

October 4, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Pastorale in F by J.S. Bach

George Matthew Jr.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

The Summons

The Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity (*said by 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.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson *Isaiah 55: 6-11 (Lector 1)*

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
 let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
 let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *148 1-7, 12-14 (Lector 2)*

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon;
 praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever;
 he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
Praise the LORD from the earth,
 you sea monsters and all deeps,
Young men and women alike,
 old and young together!
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 for his name alone is exalted;
 his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for all his faithful,
 for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson *Philippians 4: 1a, 4-9 (Lector 2)*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, ...stand firm in the Lord in this way... 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel *Matthew 5: 13-16 (Officiant)*

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

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

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under-foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Offertory Hymn 438 *Tell Out My Soul*

The Prayers of the People

Officiant: Let us pray to the Lord in whom we trust with all our hearts.

Intervessor: We pray for the Church: for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Shannon, our Bishop; Paul, our priest-elect; our lay ministers and all of us in our daily life and work.

Intervessor: Lord you are in the midst of us:

People: **Help us in these days of need.**

Intervessor: We pray for the world: for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by this pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce and the pandemic brings further suffering. We pray especially for our President Donald, our Governor Phil, and for all those in government and civil authority.

Intervessor: Lord you are in the midst of us:

People: **Help us in our time of trouble.**

Intervessor: We pray for our communities: for the elderly, confined in their homes and separated from families and support; for children, those who cannot go to school, and those who are re-entering their schools; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home or have no home; for all essential workers and healthcare workers; for those offering everyday kindness to others in extraordinary ways.

Intervessor: Lord you are in the midst of us:

People: **Help us in our time of trouble.**

Intervessor: We pray for those who are sick and oppressed: for those afflicted with Coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with emotional health needs; for all who suffer. We remember those on our parish prayer list. [*Debbie, Caroline, Irv, Dana, Keung, Dave, Beverly, Ryan, Carla, Don, Ella, Gary, Dick, John Jeffrey, Lisa, Merritt, Bill, Rita, Lorraine, Jeff, Sarah, Bonnie, Diana, Terry, Lonnie.*]

Intervessor: Lord you are in the midst of us:

People: **Help us in our time of trouble.**

Intervessor: We pray for those who have died: for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; and for those who have died alone.

Intervessor: Lord you are in the midst of us:

People: **Help us in our time of grief.**

Intervessor: I invite you now to share your own intercessions, prayers, and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

(Please remember to unmute yourself if you wish for your prayer to be heard, and mute again when you have completed your prayer.)

Intervessor: Lord you are in the midst of us:

People: **Help us in our time of trouble, and bless us as we give thanks.**

Intervessor: Please join me in this Collect for St. Stephen's Ministry:

Gracious God, we give thanks for the calling of Paul Olsson to serve as our new priest. May his appointment to this position be for him and for us a blessing. May we grow together in our understanding of mutual ministry, evermore seeking to fulfill Jesus' commandment to love one another as he loves us and to demonstrate that love to our community and a world so desperate to hear good news. As our prayers for him and his prayers for us rise to You in the days to come, open our hearts and minds to receive one another with hope and goodwill. Prepare us for the tasks You set before us. For all that is to come, grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore. In the name of Jesus we pray AMEN.

Officiant: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant 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.

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. **Amen.**

In peace let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Sr. Warden says: Carole, Diane, Catherine and Larry, you have been among us as priests through this period of our search for a Priest. You have been faithful stewards to us in bringing God's word and sacraments, by tending to our spiritual needs through prayer and teaching, and in your pastoral leadership of this parish.

Jr. Warden continues:

We give thanks to God for your presence among us and pray for God's abundant blessings upon you as you go forth from here in your continued ministry to Christ and the Church.

Sr. Warden asks the congregation:

My sisters and brothers, do you recognize and accept the conclusion of these pastoral relationships?

People respond: **WE DO.**

*Together Priests & Congregation:
Carole and people:*

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these months now past.

Catherine and people:

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Diane and people:

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us though these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Larry and people:

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism and confirmation. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

ALL:

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. AMEN.

Final Blessing: Benedictine Four-Fold Blessing

Diane: "May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart." **AMEN.**

Catherine: "May God bless you with anger at Injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for Justice, freedom and peace." **AMEN.**

Larry: "May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy." **AMEN.**

Carole: "May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done." **AMEN.**

Closing Hymn 525

The Church's One Foundation

Postlude

When the Saints Go Marching In

George Matthew Jr.

Announcements

Virtual Celebration of Ministry

It's great to see one another!

Officiants & Preachers: The Reverend Carole Wageman, The Very Reverend Diane Nancekivell,
The Reverend Catherine Nichols, The Reverend Larry Yarbrough

Zoom Host/Moderator: Beth Stanway

Lectors: Steve Sontum, Emily Sunderman

Intercessor: Amy Hastings

Senior Warden: Mike Davis *Junior Warden:* Tom Klemmer

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Prelude and Postlude <https://youtu.be/zwwd0iAEoq8>

George Matthew Jr.

Opening Hymn *The Summons* <https://youtu.be/zk6IUalJ3sk>

St. Andrew's Metropolitan Cathedral, Glasgow

Offertory Hymn *Tell Out My Soul* <https://youtu.be/3E7QWLyDWe8>

Arundel Cathedral

Closing Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* <https://youtu.be/v-AzLnm1Tws>

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