



## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

### THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 19

9:00 AM, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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*St. Paul's Cathedral is a vibrant Episcopal church in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City. Deeply rooted in the ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Episcopal Church, St. Paul's is the spiritual center of the Diocese of Oklahoma. We are committed to being a place for all who seek and share God's unconditional and abundant love, which calls us to comfort and stand with the vulnerable and each other. All are invited; all are welcome.*

#### PRELUDE

Sonata in E-flat Minor, Op. 65 - II. Andante Horatio Parker, 1863-1919

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 516

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Down Ampney

#### THE WORD OF GOD

BCP p. 355

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

*The congregation is kindly requested to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

*We are glad you are here. Please scan below for welcome information.*



*The following hymn is sung, all standing*

*Hymnal S280*

**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.**

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*           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.

*People*             **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

*The people sit.*

### **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 50:15-21**

*Lector*           A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the

wrong that we did to him!” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 103:8-13**

Edward Rimbault (1816-1876)

*(congregation sings verses in bold)*



- 8 The Lord is full of com-|passion • and | mercy, \*  
slow to | anger • and of | great | kindness.
- 9 **He will not | always • ac-|cuse us, \***  
nor will he | keep his | anger • for-|ever.
- 10 **He has not dealt with us ac-|cording • to our | sins, \***  
nor re-|warded • us ac-|cording • to our | wickedness.
- 11 **For as the heavens are | high a-bove the | earth, \***  
so is his mercy | great up-on | those who | fear him.
- 12 **As far as the | east is • from the | west, \***  
so far has he re- | moved our | sins | from us.
- 13 **As a father | cares for • his | children, \***  
so does the Lord | care for | those who | fear him.

## SECOND READING

### Romans 14:1-12

*Lector* A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All standing.*

### SEQUENCE HYMN 576

"God Is Love"

*Mandatum*

*During the  
Sequence Hymn,  
all children are  
invited to process  
to the St.  
Nicholas Chapel  
to attend  
Children's  
Chapel.*

*All standing.*

## **GOSPEL**

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

*Gospeller*      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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Canon Tim Sean Youmans

*All standing.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*BCP p. 358*

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

BCP p. 388

*The Intercessor says*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral Prayer List and those named now, either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*We invite you to pray for all on the Cathedral prayer list, which is located in the narthex. Please take a copy with you to pray throughout the week.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*BCP p. 360*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**



## THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME

## COMMISSIONING OF MINISTRY LEADERS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory*

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

## THE OFFERTORY

*Please place your offering in alms basin, send a text message to 73256 and enter Stpaulsokc\$ and an amount, or scan the QR code to give online.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Peter Hurford (1930-2019)*

In the hour of my distress, When temptations me oppress,  
And when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head,  
And with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep, And the world is drowned in  
sleep, Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

*Robert Herrick (1591-1674)*

*Please scan to  
make a gift  
online.*



All stand.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
him a-bove ye heav-en-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 unto our 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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*

*Hymnal S129*

**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 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

*BCP p. 364*

**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.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then is sung*

*Hymnal S154*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 603

*“When Christ Was Lifted From the Earth”*

*St. Botolph*

## SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*The Deacon or the Celebrant says*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

**We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*BCP p. 365*

*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.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

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

## **CLOSING HYMN 347**

*“Go Forth for God”*

*Litton*

## **POSTLUDE**

Processional

*William Mathias (1934-1992)*

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by the Churchwell Family in celebration of Addison Churchwell’s birthday.

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