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WE are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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WELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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Mass Setting: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan (d. 1968)

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing;*  
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Voluntary: In Quiet Mood

Florence Price (d. 1953)

ENTRANCE RITE AND THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introit (*choir*) *Ego clamavi*

Mode III

(*Antiphon*) I CALL UPON THEE, O God, for thou wilt answer me: incline thine ear unto me, and hearken unto my words: keep and guard me, Lord my God, as the apple of thine eye; and under the shadow of thy wings hide me for ever. [*Psalm*] Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [*Repeat antiphon.*]

Opening Acclamation

Hymnal S 76



in excelsis deo!

Gloria in excelsis (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

Cantor *All*

[Glo- ry be to God on high,] and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praisethee, we bless thee, we wor- ship thee, we glo- ri- fy

thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo- ry, O Lord God, heaven- ly

King, God the Fa-ther Al- mighty- y. O Lord, the

on- ly be-got-ten Son, Je- sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the

Fa-ther, that tak- est a- way the sins of the world, have mer- cy up- on us.

Thou that tak- est a- way the sins of the world, re- ceive our prayer. Thou that

sit- test at the right hand of God the Fa- ther, have mer- cy up- on us.

For thou on- ly art ho- ly; thou on- ly art the Lord; thou on- ly, O

Christ, with the Ho- ly Ghost, art most high in the glo- ry of

God the Fa- ther. A men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The LORD be with you.

People: (monotoned) And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the Nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 32: 22-31 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

[JACOB got up at night] and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the LORD.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 121

Levavi oculos

Tone II

(Congregation and sings the italicized verses.)



1 I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the | hills;

** from whence com- / eth my help?*

2 *My help cometh even from the / LORD,*

** who hath made hea- / ven and earth.*

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be | mov'd

** and he that keepeth thee | will not sleep.*

4 *Behold, he that keepeth / Isra^el*

** shall neither slum- / ber nor sleep.*

5 The LORD himself is thy | keeper;

** the LORD is thy defence upon | thy right hand;*

6 *So that the sun shall not burn thee by / day,*

** neither the / moon by night.*

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all | evil;

** yea, it is even he that shall | keep thy soul.*

8 *The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming / in,*

** from this time forth for / evermore.*

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Second Letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the LORD.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.



Alleluia *Lauda, anima mea*

Tone VI

Cantor: Al- le- lu- ia.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.

Choir: PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL; while I live will I praise the Lord: yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 18: 1-8 [RSV]

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: ✠ Glory be to thee, O LORD.

AND [Jesus] told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.' " And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the LORD.

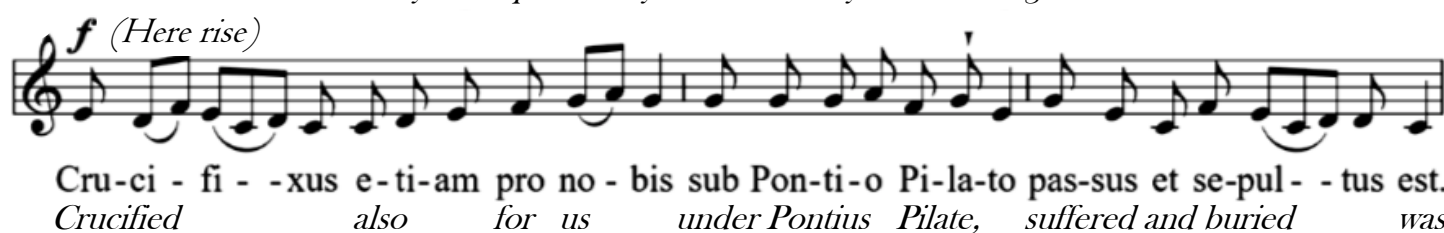
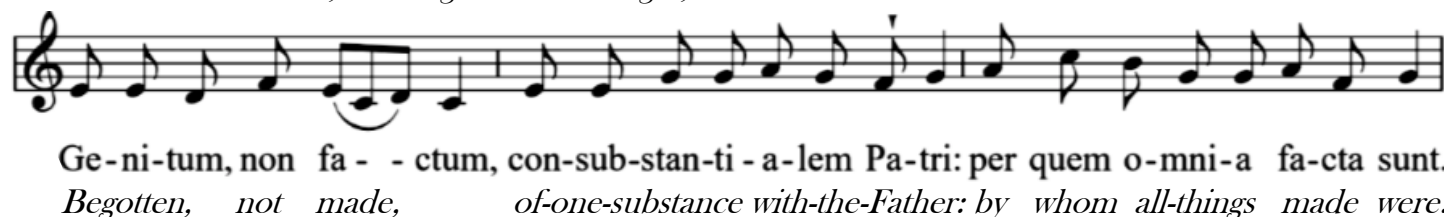
People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Sr. Gregory Simmons, *Haven Religious*

The Nicene Creed from *Missa de Angelis* (sung by all)
Cantor

See standard translation on Prayer Book p. 326
All





Et re-sur-re-xit ter-ti-a di-e, se-cun-dum Scri-ptu-ras. Et a-scen-dit in coe - - lum:
And rose-again the-third day, according-to the-Scriptures. And ascended into heaven:



se-det ad dex-te-ram Pa - - tris. Et i - te-rum ven-tu-rus est cum glo-ri - a
he-sits at the-right-hand of-the-Father. And again to-come is with glory



ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus re - gni non e - rit fi - nis.
to judge the-living and the-dead: of-whose kingdom not shall-be an-end.



mf Et in Spi - ri - tum San-ctum, Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:
And in the-Spirit Holy, the-Lord, and giver-of-life:



qui ex Pa - tre. Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o
who from the-Father and-the-Son proceeds. Who with the-Father and the-Son



si-mul a-do-ra-tur, et con-glo-ri-fi-ca-tur: qui lo-cu-tus est per Pro - phe-tas.
alike is-worshiped, and together-is-glorified: who spoken has by the-Prophets.



Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - tho - li - cam, et a - po - sto - li - cam Ec - cle - si - am.
And in-one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.



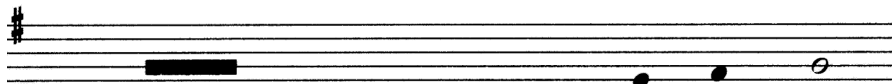
Con - fi - te - or u - num ba - ptis - ma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.
I acknowledge one baptism for the-remission of-sins.



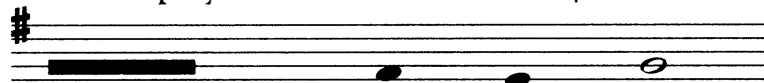
✠ Et ex - pe - cto re-sur-re-cti-o-nem mor-tu-o-rum. Et vi - tam ven-tu-ri sae-cu-li.
And I-look-for the-resurrection of-the-dead. And the-life to-come of-the-world.



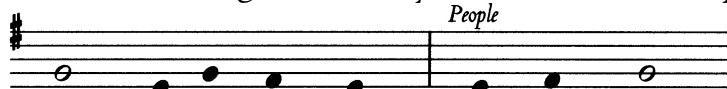
ff A - - - - - men.



Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (*Silence*)



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. (*Sung after every intercession*)

Leader: 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 thy mercy, *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy, *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Watch over thy child *Javaughn*, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of his life. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy, *People:* hear our prayer.

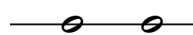
Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy, *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy, *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy, *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy, *People:* hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People*



A - men.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

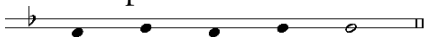
COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11: 28*

GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

The Peace

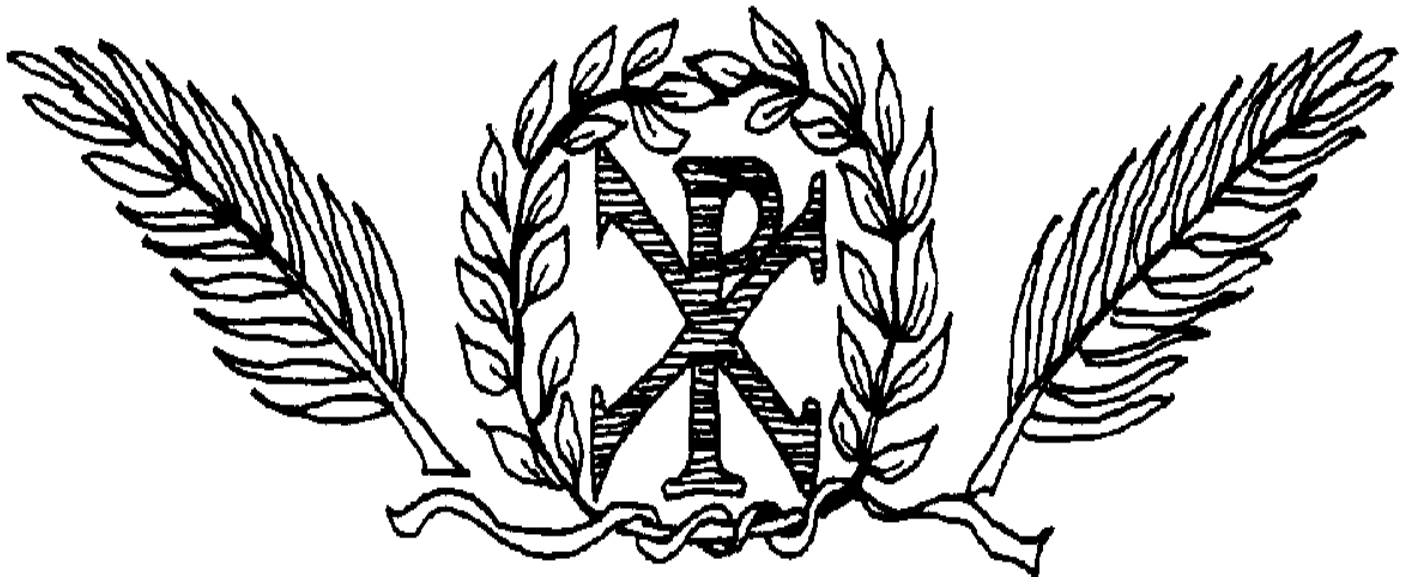


Celebrant: The peace of the LORD be always with you.



People: And with thy spi - rit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.





THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Meditabor*

Mode II

I DELIGHT in thy commandments, which I have always loved: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

Hymn 709 (*sung by all*)

“O God of Bethel, by whose hand”

Dundee

Unison



- 1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
- 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:
- 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;
- 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
- 5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



- 1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
- 2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.
- 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
- 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
- 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.



The Story of the Persistent Widow

Presentation of the alms and oblations

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O LORD,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the LORD receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

Celebrant: The LORD be with you. *People:* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God:

WHO by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS·SANCTUS·SANCTUS

Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry. Glo- ry be to
thee, O Lord Most High. Bless- ed is he that com-eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender
A mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our
redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect,
and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and
did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of
that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks,
he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is
given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to
them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is
shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly
beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make
here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee,
the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed
passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering
unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the
same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty
goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy
gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our
Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be
partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and
death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole
Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be
a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all
others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most
precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly
benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any
sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing
our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto
thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

—●—○—○—
A- men.



The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

(*All*)

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in- to
temp-ta- tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil. For thine is the king-dom,
and the power, and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

The Fraction

Celebrant

Al-le- lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri- ficed for us.

People

There- fore let us keep the feast. Al- le- lu- ia.



Agnus Dei (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a- way the sins of the world,
have mercy up- on- us. O Lamb of God, that
ta-kest a- way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-
on- us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-
way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful LORD, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious LORD, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

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.

People: LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Domine, Dominus noster*

Mode II

O LORD, OUR LORD and Governor, how wonderfully exalted is thy Name throughout the whole wide world!

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

In union, O Dear LORD, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.



Anthem (*choir*)

Ned Rorem, 1955

SING, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,
Sever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.

Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Saviour's blood;
and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

THE peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel

St. John I:I-I4

Celebrant: The LORD be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

People: ✠ Glory be to thee, O LORD.

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.



(*Here genuflect*) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

SALVE REGINA, mater misericordiæ: Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te Sclamamus, exsules filii Hevæ. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

[Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.]



THE ANGELUS

Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

People: And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

People: Be it unto me according to thy word.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(*Here genuflect*) *Celebrant:* And the Word was made flesh.

(*Here rise*) *People:* And dwelt among us.

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

People: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O LORD, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our LORD. *Amen.*

1 By gra - cious powers so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
 with bit - ter suf - fer - ing, hard to un - der - stand,
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your Sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,
 O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling,
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
 and our whole life shall then be yours a lone.



BULLETIN INSERTS

October 19, 2025 – Pentecost 19 (C) The Nicene Creed: Week 6

To commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, bishop of Wisconsin, has written a series of reflections on the Nicene Creed and its relevance for contemporary Episcopalians. Over the coming weeks, we'll share his teachings, written mostly in a question-and-answer format.

But isn't the language of the Creed poetic, rich in metaphors? Theologically and philosophically, “metaphor” is a tricky concept, but we'll use it for the moment. We should never forget that even our best language cannot fully comprehend God, who is always beyond our comprehension. In fact, you'd have a hard time finding a theologian of the early Church who did not say the same. They were not so naïve as moderns often suppose. Over and over again, the early theologians remind us that all our language for God is stammering. All images must be held lightly. Gregory Nazianzus, one of the more important defenders of the Creed, affirmed, “It is difficult to conceive of God, but to define him in words is an impossibility” (*Fourth Theological Oration*).

And yet those same theologians also affirm that we must speak of God because God has spoken a Word to us in history, especially in Jesus Christ. Thus, while we must speak cautiously and humbly in the face of the mystery that is God, we can yet dare to say something about God because God has said something to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh. “The impossibility has become a possibility by the boundless excellence of the grace of God,” is how Origen put it in his treatise *On Prayer*.

Because it is about God, some of the Creed is indeed metaphorical. Certainly, referring to God as “Father,” while it reflects the language of Jesus and signifies something true about God, does not mean God is male. Gregory of Nyssa, another foundational theologian who defended the Nicene Creed, is clear on this in his commentary on the *Song of Songs*. Similarly, affirming that Jesus Christ is “seated at the right hand of God the Father” metaphorically signifies something about the relationship between Jesus and God the Father, but it is not a spatial relationship. There is no literal physical chair on which Jesus sits.

But, because the Creed is about the God revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus much of it is not metaphorical, but historical, e.g., 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, etc. That has always been the scandal of Christianity to the philosophers and Gnostics (ancient and contemporary) who want to keep God safely on the side of the metaphorical beyond the messiness of material reality in space and time (protecting God? themselves?). But Christians confess a historical virgin birth to a historical Mary of an historical enfleshment of God who died an historical death under an historical Pontius Pilate but lives again through an historical resurrection, leaving behind an historical empty tomb – all “for us and for our salvation.”

The Creed is part poetry, part prose. Indeed, one might say that in the incarnation, God (ultimately hidden in Mystery and Metaphor) has become prose – prosaic – in order to turn all to poetry. Trying to keep them strictly separate or make it all one or the other always gets us into trouble.

To say that our language about God's essence is metaphorical is a theological truism. To conclude that, therefore, all metaphors for God are only human creations or that all metaphors are more or less equal is an assumption and a theological falsehood. To say that all language about God acting in history, e.g., the virginal conception, the incarnation, and the bodily resurrection as historical, physical events, is metaphorical and only true in some spiritual sense is to try to be more spiritual than the God we know through Jesus has chosen to be. This was the fundamental error of the Arians. Arius found it inconceivable and offensive to imagine the One beyond all things taking on human flesh and material reality. The God we know through Jesus and the Creed is a God who is prepared to get down and dirty in the material world to address and transform the very literal, tragic, and historical mess we have made of ourselves, others, and the world. And all so that we might be “become partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). As some of the bishops who were at the Council of Nicaea would say, the Son of God “became what we are that we might become what he is” (for example, Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*).

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE REMEMBER LOVED ONES
WHO HAVE JOINED THE GREATER COMMUNION OF SAINTS

The Solemnity of All Saints'

Sunday, November 2nd

8:00 a.m. Low Mass and 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass

We invite you to bring in photos of your loved ones who have gone ahead. We'll put them on the altar in St. Martin's Chapel for both the All Saints' and All Souls' Commemorations. If you would like to have deceased loved ones remembered at All Saints' and All Souls' masses, please leave their names on the sheet in Nason Hall.



ALL SOULS' DAY

REQUIEM MASS WITH CHOIR

6:00 P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2025

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October 19 *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 24*

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she should know about. [For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.]

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks. Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).

- **Bishops and Clergy:** Sarah, *Archbishop of Canterbury designate*; Sean, *Presiding Bishop*; Jeffrey and Laura, *Bishops of ECCT*; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. John's, Waterbury; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; Convention planning committee; Convention worship committee; and all who participate in Annual Convention. *The Episcopal Church.*
- **World & Community Concerns:** For peace throughout the world, especially between Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in the Middle East; in Sudan; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- **Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):** Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- **Thanksgiving and Celebrations:** We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Javaughn Fisher (Wed.), whose birthday we celebrate this week; and Ruth & Alexander Iliuta, celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary on Saturday.
- **Sick or in need:** Bonnie & the Burns Family; Lee & the Vance Family; Stephen & Ratana; Adrienne & Kenneth; Peter; Veronica & the Rovetti Family; Kathy; Nancy; Lucy; Jane; Paulo Junior; Felix & Carmen; Mark; Jerry; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Kristen & Quintin; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Soncia; Tom; Gail; Camden; Joan; David; Neil; Lea; Megin; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Michael; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- **The Deceased:** We pray for the repose of Archbishop Drexel Gomez, CPWI, and all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of James C. Shafer, Miguel Soto-Molina, Kwon McGee, Les Killen, Joan Phillips Nash, Donald Morgan, and Kevork Sarkesian, in whose memory the flowers are given (*by Adrienne & Kenneth T. Brown*).

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## ***THIS WEEK AT GRACE***

**Sunday, October 19** *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 24*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (*also on YouTube*)

**Tuesday, October 21** *Feria*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Wednesday, October 22** *Feria*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 23** *SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM*

10:00 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution

6:00 p.m.: Low Mass (*also on YouTube*)

**Friday, October 24** *Raphael the Archangel*

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

**Friday & Saturday, October 24 & 25**

**241<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut**  
**(Bristol Event Center in Bristol, CT)**

**Sunday, October 26** *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 25*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (*also on YouTube*)



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