

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am

The Word of God

Prelude-*If You Will Only Let God Guide You- Craig Phillips*

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

Opening Hymn- *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve (v. 1 & 2)*

Hymnal 546



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -
3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on
4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and
vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and
high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to
on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.
on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.
thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.
an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

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

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

Celebrant 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.

Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant 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.***

All are seated.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus (20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm Appointed

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 19 starting on page 606 in the BCP. Let us read in unison.

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

*Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,*

*Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.*

*In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.*

*It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.*

*The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.*

*The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.*

*The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.*

*By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

*Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.*

*Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

The Epistle

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians (3:4b-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss

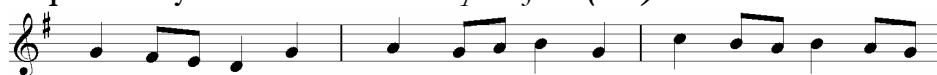
because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

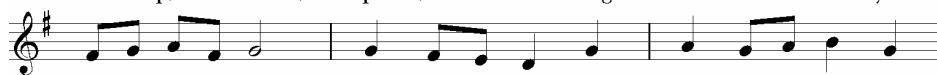
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn – *Hail thou once despised Jesus (v. 3)*

Hymnal 495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

All stand

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:33-46).

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Fr. Stephen Shortess

Nicene Creed

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All stand.

***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 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.

After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.

The Prayers of the People: Form III

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Reader Father, we pray for the members of St. Francis by the Lake, Canyon Lake; St. Margaret's, San Antonio; for our Vestry and staff; and for your holy Catholic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Reader We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; for Michael our Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; for David our bishop and his wife, Patti; for Stephen our rector and his wife, Jennifer; for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Reader We pray for Donald our President, Greg our Governor, Don our Mayor, for the Congress and Supreme Court of this nation, for all legislators and jurists in our state, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader Have compassion on Audrey Herron, Sandra Beckett, Ralph Boehnke, Mozzelle Dempster, Bill Anderson, Kenneth, Morgan, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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

Reader Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger;

People *and bring them in safety to their journey's end.*

Reader Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit,

People *That by their ministries, the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified;*

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader We praise you for Blessed Andrew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

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

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

For those who give their time to help the Salvation Army in Seguin.

For all healthcare professionals and their families.

For our armed forces and their families at home and abroad.

For all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and

recovery facilities, especially: Ann Benham, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon,

Patsy Creager, Ruth Burges, and Rose Foegelle.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

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Celebrant 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.*

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

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries Prayers

Birthdays

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Bob Blevins Jr., Linda Lynn, and Will Follis as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries

Celebrant and People

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, Michael & Therese Sharp, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem- *My Song is Love Unknown* – J. D Edwards

Soloist- Leo Garcia

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sursum Corda-

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, 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 you 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.***

Celebrant And now as our Savior **BCP p. 364**
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line repeats 'Al - le - lu - ia' three times. The second line describes Christ as the Passover who is sacrificed for us. The third line is a prayer: 'there - fore let us keep the feast.' The fourth line repeats 'Al - le - lu - ia' three times.

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All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to give you a blessing. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Stephen!

Communion Piano Music for Meditation

Postcommunion Prayer

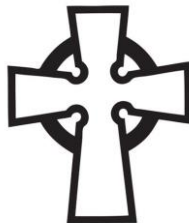
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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Blessing



Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

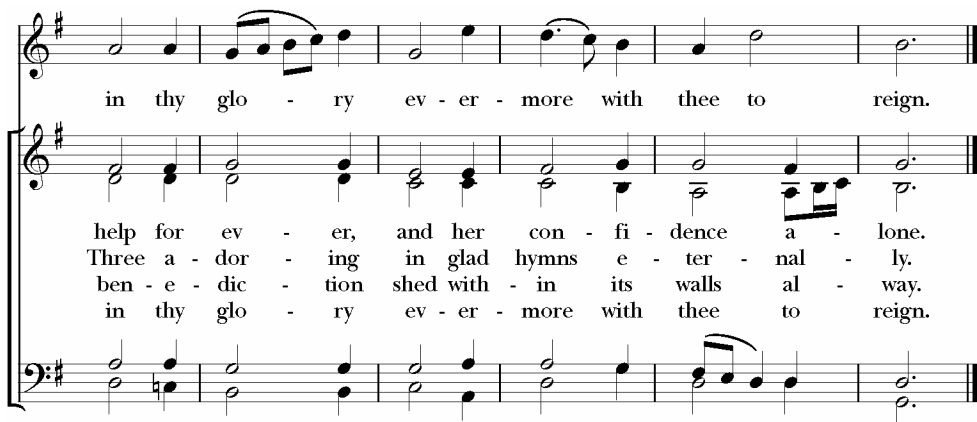
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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Dismissal

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Celebrant Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude- *Praeludium in G Major –J.S. Bach*

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Margaret Taylor.



Ministers in the Lord's Service

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Susan Rinn

Altar Guild- Mary Louise Donegan, Joyce Richey, Linda Lynn, Holly Modl

Ushers- Bill & Robin Walker

Musicians- Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor

Mary Ann Winden- Organ

Camerasmen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell

Sound- Carolyn Baker