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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 22

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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## *The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22*

Opening Hymn: All things bright and beautiful Hymn #405

*Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings. (*Refrain*)
2. The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky, (*Refrain*)
3. The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one. (*Refrain*)
4. He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. (*Refrain*)

## Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and always.

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.*

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.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

## The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 2:18-24

18 Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.'

19 So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

23 Then the man said,  
This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.'

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 8

*The Cantor or choir chants the psalm*

- 1 O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?
- 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.
- 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be, world without end.  
Amen.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup> You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour,

<sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because

of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

LEM:           The Word of the Lord.

People:       Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn: My song is love unknown   vs. 1-2   Hymnal # 458**

1. My song is love unknown,  
my savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
O who am I  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh and die?

2. He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow,  
but men made strange,  
and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
but O my friend, my friend indeed  
who at my need, his life did spend.

## The Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ <sup>3</sup>He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ <sup>4</sup>They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” <sup>7</sup>“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

<sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Gradual Hymn** (*continued*) **My song is love unknown vs. 7 Hymnal #458**

7. Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King;  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

**The Sermon: For a Little While**

**The Creed**

*Led by the LEM, the People say*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
The 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 human.  
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**

*The LEM or Reader leads the People in the following prayers*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

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We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

*Silence*

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

*Silence*

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*The People, led by the LEM, then say*

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

*The People stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another.<sup>1</sup>*

**Choral Anthem:** *Canticle 12 A song of Creation: Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* John Goss

*The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.*

*The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.*

## The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, giver of life and light. You fill us with your blessings and feed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in

Christ Jesus, renewed us in your Spirit, and brought us into everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

*The People, led by the Choristers, sing:*

*Sanctus: Holy, holy lord God* *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 Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, maker of all things, judge of all who live.  
You made us in your image and to live in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care and bade us be faithful stewards of its bounty. But we honored not your gifts, misused your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made human in Christ Jesus, to live as one of us, and to reveal your glory.

Giving himself up to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil and opened for us the way of everlasting life.

On the night before he died, as he sat at table with his friends, Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.” †

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” †

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The People, led by the LEM, say*  
Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

In that mystery we offer to you this bread and this wine, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that may they become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we who share them be filled with that same Spirit to live as Christ's Body in the world. May we come to the everlasting heritage of your children, and with the apostles and martyrs and all your saints, enter into the joys of your salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the Choristers, sing*

*Lord's Prayer: Our Father*

*LEVAS # 264*

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, and then keeps a period of silence.*

*The People, led by the Choristers, sing:*

*Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover                      Hymnal # S155*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant:     The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People consume their gifts in place, or come forward to receive a host, maintaining social distance.*

## Communion Hymn: Our Father, by whose name     Hymnal # 587

1. Our Father, by whose Name  
    all fatherhood is known,  
    who dost in love proclaim  
    each family thine own,  
    bless thou all parents, guarding well,  
    with constant love as sentinel,  
    the homes in which thy people dwell.
2. O Christ, thyself a child  
    within an earthly home,  
    with heart still undefiled,

thou didst to manhood come;  
our children bless, in every place,  
that they may all behold thy face,  
and knowing thee may grow in grace.

3. O Spirit, who dost bind  
our hearts in unity,  
who teachest us to find  
the love from self set free,  
in all our hearts such love increase,  
that every home, by this release,  
may be the dwelling place of peace.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

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

## **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

A Collect for St. Francis

*The Celebrant says:*

O Lord most high and most merciful: we rejoice that you have made us and all living things, and are yet more wonderful than all that you have made. We pray you grant us grace to renounce the vanities of this world and to follow the way of blessed Francis, delighting in your whole creation and its promise. We thank you for the blessing of pets who bring us joy, and of all the animals whose life and labor support us, care for us, provide for us, and keep us safe. As you care for us, we ask you to help us care for those whom we have made depend upon us, who trust us, and on whose life and labor we in turn depend. May we, in the name of your Son our Savior, treat them as you would do, in the love you bear all your works and your creation. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

*Led by the LEM, the People say:*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

"N. (name of animal), may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May you and your family enjoy the time you share and find joy with the God who created you. Amen.

## THE BLESSING PRAYER

*The Celebrant continues:*

Most high, ever-living Lord, our Creator, to you be praise, glory, honour and blessing. In love, you brought all things into being. We praise you for the animals, birds, fish, and all creatures that fill your world. We thank you for those who share our lives as pets, and those who give their lives to our support and service. We ask that your grace be upon us, that we may treat well and use wisely, if at all, those creatures whose lives we take to sustain our own. We honor the life in them, the lives that depend on them, the joys that come from them, and the responsibility we have to do well by them. May you be praised for making us happy with them and their play. We humbly pray, Lord, that we may be good to all creatures in our care, and treat them as you would have us do, to the glory of life and its source in you. Amen.

## Blessing

*The Bishop, when present, or the Celebrant says*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

Withdrawal Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee      Hymnal # 376

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
  
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.
  
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

*The Celebrant and the LEM recess to the narthex.*

## **Dismissal**

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

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