

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HEAVENLY REST

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, October 4th, 2020
10:30 in the morning

Welcome to the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out our digital connection card on our website heavenlyrestabilene.org/visit.

PRELUDE *Psalm Prelude*

Robert Hebble (1934-2020)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 IN EXCELSIS

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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.**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 19 *Caeli enarrant*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
 5 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.
 6 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.
 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
 and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
 and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
 and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
 13 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.
 14 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 GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Romanik, Rector

Following the sermon, all stand for

THE NICENE CREED

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Deacon

All kneel or stand.

Intercessor

God of love, we pray for your Church, and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, that we may carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

Silence

God of love

Hear our prayers

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: for peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for all in positions of public trust; and for all who serve the common good. Inspire us to work for justice and resist evil, that the human family may be united in bonds of love.

Silence

God of freedom

Hear our prayers

God of justice, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes.

Silence

God of justice

Hear our prayers

God of creation, we pray for the earth you have entrusted to our care: for the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us the will to protect the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance you have given us.

Silence

God of creation

Hear our prayers

God of grace, we pray that this place be filled with the hospitality of angels, that we may be a repository of grace and haven of forgiveness and mercy. Give us open, generous welcoming hearts.

Silence

God of grace

Hear our prayers

God of mercy, we pray for all in any need or trouble: for those whose lives are closely linked with ours and those connected to us as part of the human family; for refugees and prisoners, for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; and for those facing violence. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, that we may seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Silence

God of mercy

Hear our prayers

God of new life, we pray for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone: that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Silence

God of new life

Hear our prayers

The Celebrant adds this or another concluding Collect.

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

A Deacon or Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant 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.**

All stand for

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

During the organ interlude, the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Those who are worshipping online are encouraged to exchange the Peace with the other members of their household and greet one another in the comment section of the video feed.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY *My Song is Love Unknown*

arr. James Kirkby (b. 1949)

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?
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.
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.

Celebrant **All things come of thee, O Lord.**

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sung by the Parish Choir

THE SANCTUS *Corpus Christi Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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 as they are able

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.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread
Sung by the Parish Choir*

THE FRACTION ANTHEM *Corpus Christi Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Jesus, Lamb of God, Bearer of our sins, Have Mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Savior of the world, Have Mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, gentle Prince of peace, Grant us peace.

The Celebrant proceeds

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant

Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left to us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, we pray, so to participate in the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After sanitizing their hands, a masked priest will bring Communion in one kind to you in your pew. The priest will drop the host into your hands from a height of several inches. You may remove your mask to consume the host, but please put it back on after you have received Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please cross your arms over you chest.

During the distribution of Communion, we invite those of you who are worshiping with us online to participate spiritually in the Eucharist. If you find it helpful, you may use the prayer below to aid your Eucharistic devotion.

*My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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

HYMN AT THE DISMISSAL *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

Hymn 517

1. How love - ly is thy dwell - ing place, O Lord of hosts, to me! My
 2. Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a nest; how
 3. They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with springs, and
 4. One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a - way; how

5
 thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with - in thy courts to be; my
 hap - py they who dwell with thee and praise thee with - out rest, and
 they shall climb from height to height till Zi - on's tem - ple rings with
 hap - py they who keep thy laws nor from thy pre - cepts stray, for

9
 ve - ry heart and flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hap - py they whose hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 praise to thee, in glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of Kings.
 thou shalt sure - ly bless all those who live the words they pray.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *Tuba Tune*

David Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

*Please take your pew sheet with you after the service and
maintain adequate distance as you depart.*

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