



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025 10:15 a.m.



Tell Out, My Soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

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Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

Welcome

Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. C. Anderson, D. Kramlich

♣ Processional Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove; join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed, great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

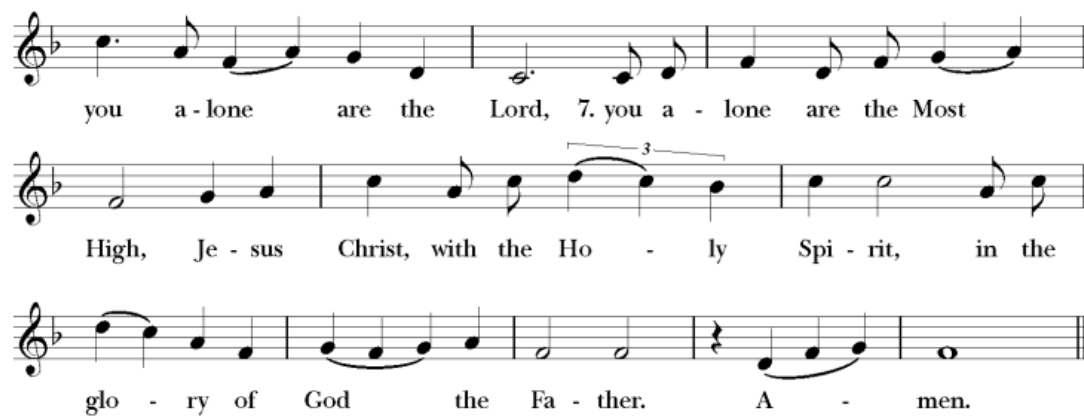
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal #S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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,



Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Sirach 35:12-17

A Reading from the Book of Sirach

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠Sequence Song

“Tell Out My Soul” *verse 3*

Hymnal #437

3. Tell out my soul the greatness of his might. Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight. The hungry fed the humble lifted high

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, based on The Song of Mary Music: *Birmingham*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Dr. Kristofer Lindh-Payne

✠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 for the Stewardship Season (*Adapted from TENS*)

Celebrant: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us lift our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the abundance of grace and the joy of serving in love.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's great gift to us; for all who worship and serve this day and for the wisdom and guidance of Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Carrie, our Bishop, and all who minister in Christ's name. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for our nation and for all nations; for refugees and those displaced by war, for peace among peoples, and for a spirit of goodwill; for Donald, our President; the members of Congress; Westley, our Governor; Mona, our Mayor that they will all work for the common good. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, and for the mission and ministries of Ascension, that we may use our gifts to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit; for the lonely and the desolate; for those in sorrow, need, or any adversity; and for those who care for them; for those on our prayer list, especially Jenny, Cleon, Peg, Lianne, Joseph F., Jack, Jackie, Dewey, Paul, Thelma, Brandon, Elaine, Jonathan, Drew, Richard, Mary, Danny, Tom, Darrell, Trevor, Ruth, Joseph T., Jessie, Raymond. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn.
Lord, hear our prayer.

I ask your thanksgivings for the blessings of this life, for family, friends, and this congregation; for Liam, Rick, Will, celebrating birthdays this week. May God's blessing inspires us to share our time, talents, and treasure with Ascension to proclaim the goodness of the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and generosity as we share the gifts you have entrusted to us. Make our hearts thankful, our hands willing, and our lives fruitful in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ The Confession of Sin

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.

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 Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence *To make an online offering, please scan the QR code.*



In this season of gratitude let us hear again the invitation of Psalm 96, "Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts." *Psalm 96:8*

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory

"Better Is One Day"

1. How lovely is your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for you
For here my heart is satisfied
Within your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings

2. One thing I ask and I would seek
To see your beauty
To find you in the place your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see your beauty
To find you in the place your glory dwells

Chorus:

Better is one day in your courts
Better is one day in your house
Better is one day in your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

My heart and flesh cry out for you the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to you
I will draw near to you

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✠ Presentation Hymn

3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

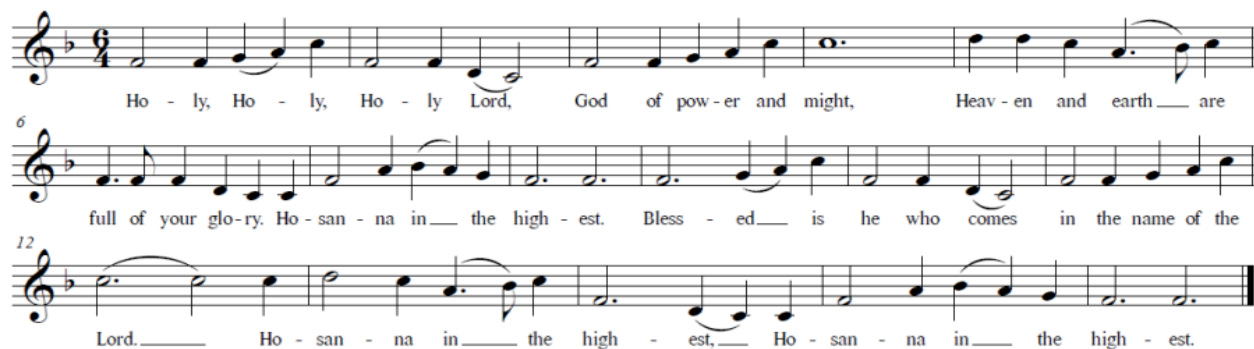
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; you are the Giver of every good gift, the One from whose bounty we receive life and breath and all things; you have entrusted us with the work of your kingdom, calling us to share the abundance of your creation, to use your gifts wisely, and to proclaim your generosity to all the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining 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



Music: *Land of Rest*; adapt. Marcia Pruner, acc. Richard Proulx

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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,

Memorial Acclamation



Music: *Land of Rest*; adapt. Richard Proulx

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your

Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

The Great Amen



Music: *Land of Rest*; adapt. Richard Proulx

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest.

Communion Music "Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord/ Awesome God"

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
And He shall lift you up higher and higher
And He shall lift you up.

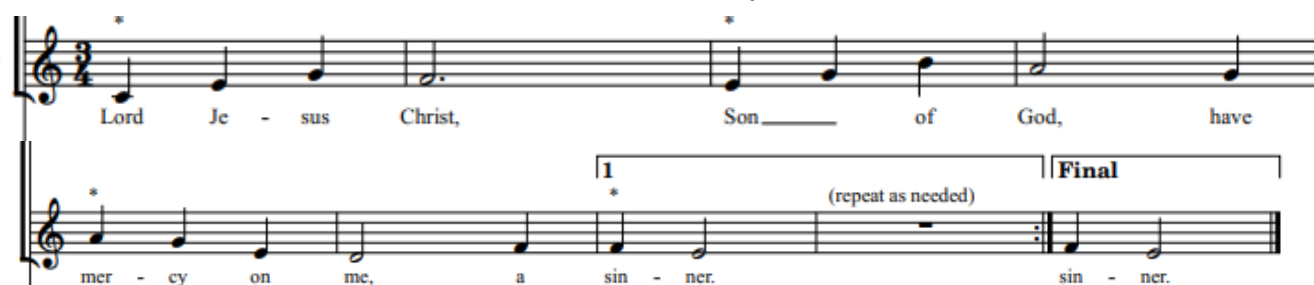
Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns in heaven above with wisdom power
and love. Our God is an awesome God.

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“The Jesus Prayer”

Patrick G. Daniel



✠ Post-Communion Prayer (BCP p. 365)

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 Blessing

May God, the giver of every good gift, make you rich in faith, hope, and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always; **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies; *Chorus*

4. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild: *Chorus*

5. For thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love: *Chorus*

6. For thyself best gift divine,
To our race so freely given;
For that great, great, love of thine
Peace on earth and joy in heaven. *Chorus*

Chorus: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint Music: Dix, Conrad Kocher, Vince Ambrosetti and William Henry Monk

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants	October 26	November 2
Worship Leader	Mary Butler	Martin Villanueva
Musicians	Adult Ensemble	Praise Ensemble
Ushers	David Anderson, <i>1 needed</i>	<i>2 needed</i>
Acolyte	Ellen Anderson	<i>1 needed</i>
Lector	John Holbert	Olivia Carpenter
Chalicians	John Holbert, Jill Horn, Kim Tompkins, Sophie Buisson	John Holbert, Kim Tompkins, <i>2 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Jeanne Cox	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
Audio Visual	Gabriel Hoff	Gabriel Hoff

October Altar Guild: Team 4

Kim Tompkins, Charlie Aler, Beverly Baker, Jenny Beeker, Helen Lang

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Beverly Baker, in celebration of her grandson's birthday.

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Betsy Reinders, in thanksgiving and celebration of her husband's birthday.

Attendance: October 19

8:00 am - 33 10:15 am In-person - 61 YouTube - 2 Facebook - 3 **Total: 99**

Readings for Next Sunday: All Saints' Sunday - C

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31