

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** “Moderato” from the First Organ Chorale in E Major César Franck

**Procession** All creatures of our God and King **Hymn 400**  
*Lasst uns erfreuen*

### The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**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.**

### The Collect of the Day

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

**Celebrant** O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson **Exodus 14:19-31**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

### The Response

- 1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God’s sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

### The Second Lesson

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**Sequence** Come down, O love divine **Hymn 516**  
*Down Ampney*

### The Gospel

**Matthew 18:21-35**

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

### The Sermon

**The Rev. Tim Malone**

### The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

Leader We pray for God's grace. Lord, receive our praise,  
People **And hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord God, through your grace we are your people: through your Son you have redeemed us; in your Spirit you have made us your own.

We pray for the church, especially Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishops, Mark and Gayle, our priest, Beth, our seminarian, Drew, and those who faithfully lead in God's name. We ask your continual blessing on Pastor Nelson, and our relationship with our sister congregation, Lomax. May our hearts respond to your love. Lord, receive our praise,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the world, especially those who govern and hold authority, as well as those whose lead from a supporting role and often go unnoticed. Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world. Lord, receive our praise,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the sick and those in need, especially those we name at this time, either silently or aloud. Make our wills eager to obey and our hands ready to heal. Lord, receive our praise,

People **And hear our prayer.**

Leader We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those we name at this time. Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
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.**

## The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*We greet one another, passing the peace of God.*

## Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Preparation of the Table

## Offertory

## Presentation of the Offerings

Hymn 304

*verses 1 and 3*

**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.**

## The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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## Celebrant and People

Hymn S-125

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Eucharistic Prayer B Continues

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## The Breaking of the Bread

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Communion

*Gluten-free wafers are available.*

## Communion Hymn Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Hymn 328

*Bangor Antiphoner*

## Post Communion Prayer

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**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

## Closing Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
*Lauda anima*

Hymn 410

## Dismissal

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## Postlude

"Jupiter" from The Planets

Gustav Holst



# ST. MICHAEL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### ARLINGTON, VA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Whatever has brought you to worship with this community today, we're so glad you're here. If you're wondering whether there might be something more for you, we hope you'll come back and find out. One of the things we're committed to is finding how our story connects with God's story. We'd love to have your story become a part of our story. The best way to participate in these conversations is to look for announcements about "Being With" courses in our e-newsletter.

Sounds from children, young and old, are a valuable part of our prayer life – not a distraction from it! Families are encouraged to sit in the front of the sanctuary, allowing children as many opportunities to follow along and participate as possible. Should a break be beneficial at any point in the service, the nursery is available for supervised play, and includes a QR code for streaming of the service on any device.

The root of the word liturgy is "the work of the people." Meaning all that happens in the sanctuary with the community who gathers works because of your participation. The beautiful thing about this invitation to participate is that, who we are and what we bring is enough because God meets us here! So don't worry about "doing" anything "right." Whether you've been to Episcopal services for a long time, or this is your first, we hope you'll worship in the way that is most comfortable to you. The service instructions about standing, kneeling, and other directions are intended to help clue you into the habits of this particular community.

The words of our worship service are lifted from the Episcopal (and before that Anglican) tradition. The thing that sets us apart from other denominations is our dedication to Common Prayer. These same words have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus.

We are currently offering communion in both kinds, the bread and the wine. Drinking from a common cup, is an essential symbolic practice, a reflection of our theology. We place great emphasis on offering this meal from a single paten (plate which holds the bread) and chalice to symbolize the unity we find in Christ, despite any perceived divisions. We return to the Eucharistic table again and again, because it is only through Christ that we are able to imagine what being unified might look like. Choosing to intinct the bread in the chalice is the least sanitary option, as we risk having many hands in the chalice. Please either drink from the chalice, or refrain from consuming the wine. Whether you would like to receive bread, bread and wine, or a blessing, please know that you are welcome at the Lord's table.

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