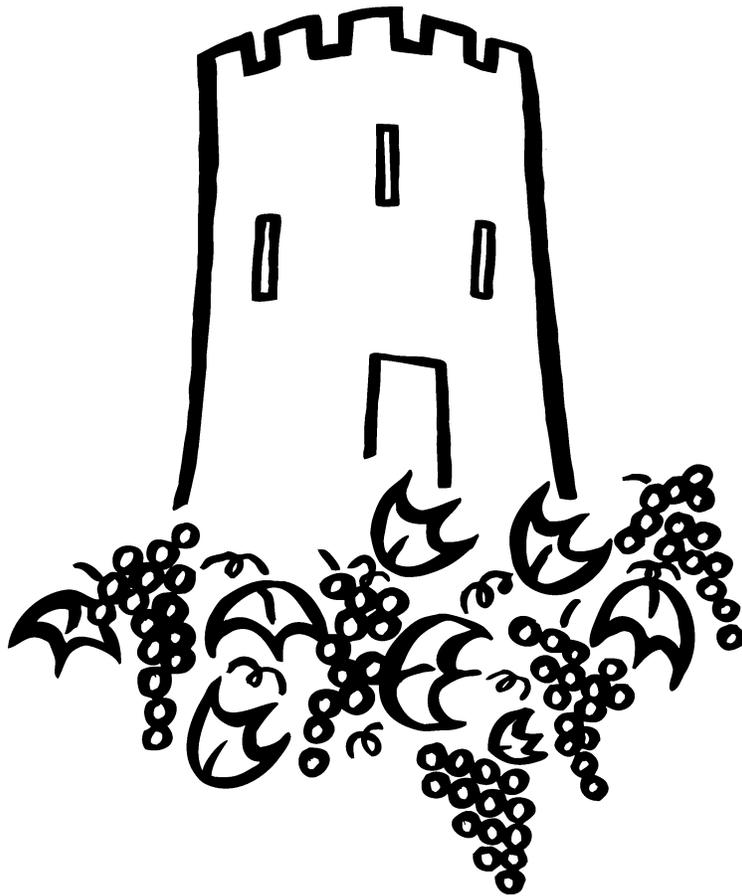


The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Prayer

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10:00am



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WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Morning has broken*) (H 8)

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

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 alone 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 earth is the Lord's, for God made it: **Come let us worship.**

VENITE



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal - va-tion.
let us come before his presence with thanks- giving, and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King a-bove all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his al- so. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands pre -
pared the dry land. Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the
Lord our Ma- ker. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end, A- men.

PSALM: Psalm 19

- ¹The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ²Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.
⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

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. Six days you shall labor 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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Bind us together

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with
 cords that can - not be bro - ken.
 Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
 bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one God.
 2 You are the fam - 'ly of God.

There is on - ly one King.
 You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There is on - ly one Bod - y;
 You are God's cho - sen de - sire. . . .

that is why we can sing:
 you are the glo - rious new wine.

SECOND READING

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.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Peter Swarr

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk in love and Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN "We are called"

1 Come! Live in the light!
2 Come! O - pen your heart!
3 Sing! Sing a new song!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

called to be light for the king - dom, to
called to be hope for the hope - less so all
and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are
called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to
serve one an - oth - er, to walk
hum - bly with God.

THE PRAYERS

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgement, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us I your Spirit the we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The Prayers are led by the intercessor and followed by this response)

Intercessor: God of love and mercy

People: hear our prayer

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our very best efforts and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for you son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen*

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

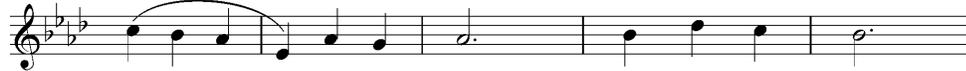
CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Earth and all stars vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6* (H 412)



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



Refrain
He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

DISMISSAL

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

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- ***Homebound:*** Mary Jane, William & Barbara, Melissa, Lucy, Fran
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