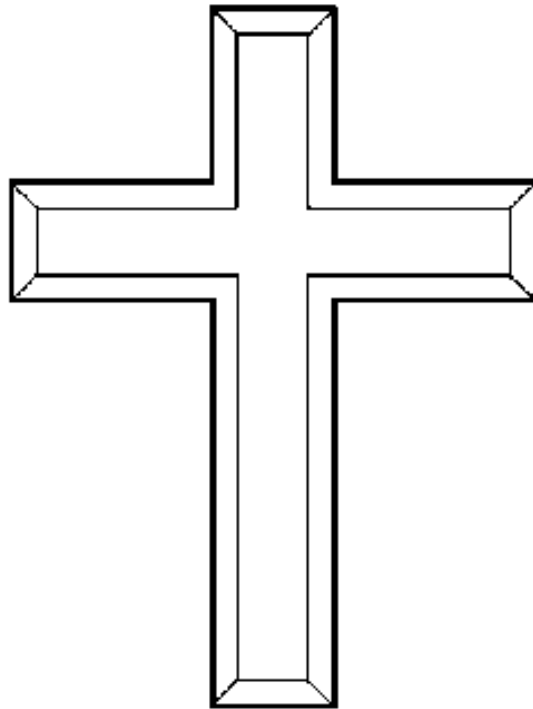


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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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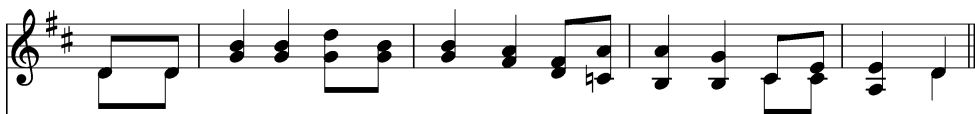
Gathering of the People

Prelude

Opening Hymn LEVAS 213 *Children of the heavenly Father*



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God His own doth tend and nour-ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child - ren sev - er;
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num-bers, Your pro-TECT - or nev - er slum-bers;
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Opening Acclamation (NZPB/HKMA)*

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

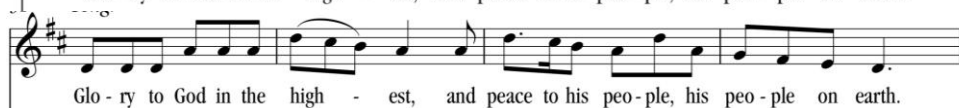
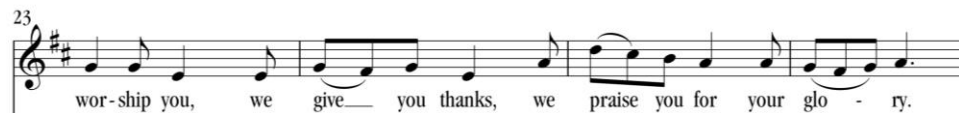
The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn of Praise Mass of Joy (M 11-34) *Glory to God*



Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

New Testament Reading

James 5:13-20

Reader A reading from James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:8-15 *(International Commission on English and the Liturgy, 1994)*

Following the monastic tradition, the psalm will be read by alternating sides of the congregation, with an intentional pause for breath at the asterisk. Think of it as a time of silence that lasts for the length of a few heartbeats. This helps us listen to one another and truly say the psalm with one voice. Your individual voice should not be so loud that you can't hear the people seated next to you.

God's just demands delight the heart.*

God's clear commands sharpen vision.

God's faultless decrees stand for ever.*

God's right judgments keep the truth.

Their worth is more than gold, the purest gold;*
their taste richer than honey, sweet from the comb.

Keeping them makes me rich,*
they bring me light;

yet faults hide within us,*
forgive me mine.

Keep my pride in check, break its grip;*
I shall be free of blame for deadly sin.

Keep me, thought and word, in your good grace.*
Lord, you are my savior, you are my rock.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn CG 62 *If you believe and I believe*
(Repeat the hymn after the Gospel reading.)

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er
pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple
free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple
free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

A Reading from Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

Prayers of the People (*NZPB/HKMA First Form*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.
Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: *Silence*

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world: *Silence*

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community: *Silence*

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need: *Silence*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: *Silence*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ,
and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We pray for ourselves, our loved ones, and our ministries:

Silence: Please type in the Chat, or share aloud, any prayers or thanksgivings you would like to offer.

Celebrant: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

All: Grant that we may walk in your presence:

**your love in our hearts,
 your truth in our minds,
 your strength in our wills;
 until, at the end of our journey,
 we know the joy of our homecoming
 and the welcome of your embrace,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (NZPB/HKMA) *Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins.

All **Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said,
 in the wrong we have done
 and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness:
 we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.

**Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
 and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

God's Peace is exchanged with one another.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn WLP 782 *Gracious Spirit, give your servants*



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,



cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,



peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the
 show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

Communion Prayer (NZPB/HKMA)

Celebrant The Lord is here.
People **God's Spirit is with us.**
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 offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

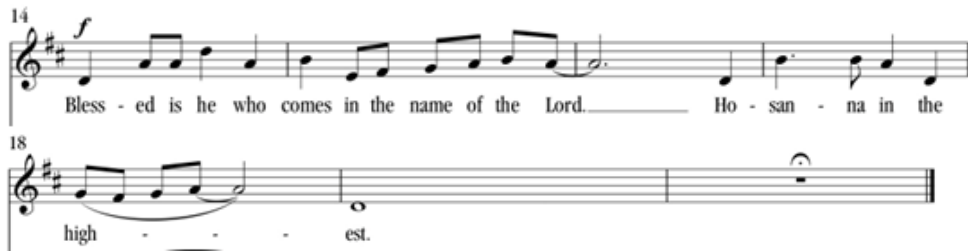
When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

We give you thanks that you have proclaimed your good news to the people of this land; and we give you praise for those whom you have led to be your witnesses here, that we may, with them, set forth your glory.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus Mass of Joy *Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, _____
 God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. high - est.



All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
 on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
 when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
 when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:
 Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
 do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Glory to you, Lord Christ;
**your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim;
 your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
 his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation.
 Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
 which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive
 may be to us the body and blood of Christ,
 and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power,
 may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.
**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (c) 2007 Benedictine Women of Madison, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Madison, Wisconsin

As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

**Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name,
 may your day dawn, your will be done, here as in heaven.
 Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.
 Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.
 For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread (Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

Fraction Anthem

Mass of Joy *Lamb of God*

O Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world, grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. *Amen.*

Communion Music Our God Is an Awesome God

Please join the children in singing when indicated.

Our God is an awe - some God; Who
reigns from heav - en a - bove. With wis - dom, pow'r and love, our
God is an awe - some God!

Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

Post Communion Prayer (NZPB/HKMA)

**God of the universe, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

Blessing (traditional Celtic)

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face, may the rain fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn H 344 Lord dismiss us with thy blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

Going into the World

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!

Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

*Passages marked with "(NZPB/HKMA)" are adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.

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