



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!”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 19:7-14**

- 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.*

### **James 5:13-20**

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Sequence Hymn

Hymn 609, vss. 1, 3-5: Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## Mark 9:38-50

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Tim Backus

## 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.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

**Form VI, BCP p. 392**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For our President, Donald Trump, for all leaders of our nation and those in authority around the world; that they may be guided by your wisdom and grace to exercise their duties for the common good. For this community, the nation and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby; our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; our Bishop, Russell Kendrick; and our Rector, Tim Backus; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*A few moments of silence.*

*(Intercessor will now read congregational prayers.)*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence.*

*(Intercessor now reads prayers for protection and thanksgiving.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Lilly Hall and Terry Wallace, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

Lord let your loving kindness be upon them.  
*Who put their trust in you.*

## **The Confession**

**BCP p. 360**

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

Celebrant and 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.*

## Absolution

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

*(Please greet one another and welcome a guest.)*

## Welcome

### The Offertory

*Will the Circle Be Unbroken?*

*(soloist: Susan Drinkwater)*

M. Hayes

### Hymn at the Presentation *(Choir & Congregation)*

Hymn 380, Vs. 3: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

**BCP p. 367**

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 our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

### The Sanctus

**S-125**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory,*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)*

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, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.*

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 forever. *Amen.*

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

*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 The Bread**

**BCP p. 364**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Lamb of God

*Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

### **The Communion**

*(All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table.)*

### **Hymns at the Administration**

Hymn 343: Shepherd of souls

*St. Agnes*

Hymn 545: Lo! What a cloud of witnesses

*St. Fulbert*

Hymn 635: If thou but trust in God

*Wer nur den lieben Gott*

**The Post-Communion Prayer** (in unison)

**BCP p. 366**

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

**A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis** (in unison)

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn**

Hymn 344: Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

*Sicilian Mariners*

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

T. Kendall



“Pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16b)

**MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE**

**THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE**

Greeters	Freida Palmer Carol Stark	<b>SUN. SEP. 30:</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal Adult Education
Ushers	Leo Cyr Leon Mayberry		9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Children’s Sunday School Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Acolytes	Lonnie Lorren Nancy Storey David Stratford		11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Eucharistic Ministers	Neil Merrifield McGee Lorren	<b>TUE., OCT. 2:</b> .....	9:45 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
Lectors	Barbara MacNeil Mark MacNeil	<b>WED. OCT. 3:</b> .....	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two Gospel Concert & Parish Supper
Intercessor	Cathy Griffing	<b>THU., OCT. 4:</b> .....	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Oblationers	Dick Lyon & Martha McMahan	<b>FRI. OCT. 5:</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
Nursery Assistant	Lindsey Hutto	<b>SAT. OCT. 6:</b> .....	10:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals & Family Festival
Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing	<b>SUN. SEP. 30:</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal Adult Education
Ministers of Music	St. Francis Adult Choir		9:45 a.m.	Children’s Sunday School
Celebrant	The Rev. Tim Backus		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME VISITORS.** We are happy to have you with us today to share in worship and fellowship. Please fill out a pew card, put it in the offering plate and sign the guest book in the Atrium. After the service, join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, NOON HOLY EUCHARIST.** We will celebrate the feast of John Raleigh Mott today. Born in 1865, John Mott was an Evangelist and Ecumenical Pioneer. Mott's ministry heavily focused on strengthening cooperation between Christian communions in the global mission field. His influence helped develop what was considered 'The Modern Ecumenical Movement.'

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.!** The Blessing of the Animals and Family Festival begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, in St. Clare's Garden. Fr. Tim will circulate through the crowd and bless each animal individually. The Blessing is open to all parishioners, guests and the public for no charge. Pet owners are asked to please keep their pets on a leash for the safety of all.

The St. Francis grill masters will be prepared to feed Pharaoh's army again this year. The Fish Fry is always popular with fried fish from local waters and cheese grits. If you are not a fish eater, there will be hamburgers, hot dogs along with baked beans, potato chips & more. Children 'under 10' eat FREE. Adult lunch tickets are a real bargain at \$8 each.

Before heading home, people will want to check out our wide array of baked goods. Don't forget to stop by and see our selection of Shell Crosses and Scarves. They are gorgeous and would make great gifts for birthdays and Christmas.

**DO YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THE ST. FRANCIS VESTRY?** If you do, please submit to Chris in the Parish Office a bio describing how many years you have been at St. Francis and what you have been involved in as well as your general background history by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 29.** Additional information regarding what it means to be a Vestry member can be found on the bulletin board in the hall.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED.** The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 1, 2018.

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## **PRAYER LIST**

Pray for Healing: Martha Antoun, Mandi Bailey, Lonnie Barlow, Wyatt Blancheri, George Bokas, Marcia Brownlie, Alan Bunt, Tammy Cantrell, Penny Carter, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Jo Ann Considine, Bill Delavan, Marzell Ellis, Jan Flanigan, Edie Garcia, Bob Graves, Valorie Griffing, Clauzell Holloway, John Holmes, Mary Howard, Josephina Jimenez, Kenworthy family, Kristie Kroh, Patrice Lavergne, Brenda Lawrence, Bob Maskell, Cline May, Liza McKee, Bryan & Karen Noa, Rosemary Noel, Jessica Ogden, Mariah O'Hara, Sue Parker, Marlana Peña, Kathy Price, Jan Reddit, Deane Rook, Katlynn Salzman, Marianne Stanky, Savannah Stanky, Sandy Starr, John Stearns, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Amy Tober, Genia Weidler

Pray for the Departed: Lilly Hall, Terry Wallace

Pray for Active Duty Military: Martin Bunt, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Daniel Lane, Bryan Lucas, Kenneth Marshall, Tyler Mathews, Shane Murtha, Anthony Olson, Josh Payne, Dylan Price, Jason Pritchett, Ryan Schuler, Karri Styron, T.J. Teicher, Kevin Walsh