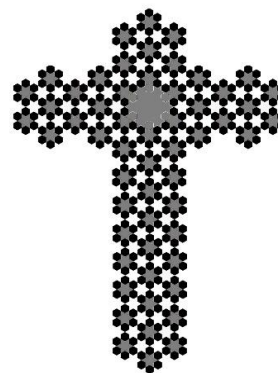


# Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 1, 2023

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

**A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.**

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.



# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated.*

## ACCLAMATION

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*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.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Exodus chapter 17...*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this

people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 78:1-4,12-16**

*Lector* *We will read responsively from Psalm 78...*

*Lector* Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

*People* **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

*Lector* That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

*People* **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.**

*Lector* He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

*People* **He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.**

*Lector* He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.

*People* **He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

*Lector* He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## **THE SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:1-13

*Lector* *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians chapter 2...*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should

bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:23-32

*Please stand.*

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

*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Deacon*        When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Kathleen Walter

**NICENE CREED** *Please stand.*

*People* 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**

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Deacon* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Lector* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,  
and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which  
we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal  
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do  
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and  
godly love. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding  
Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; Kathy, our Assisting Priest;  
Cindy, our Deacon; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these  
Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; Church of the Ascension, Clearwater; Church of  
the Good Samaritan, Clearwater; Holy Trinity, Clearwater; St. John's, Clearwater;  
Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin; St. Martin's, Hudson, and Calvary, Indian  
Rocks Beach; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may,

both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,

*People*  
**We pray to you.**

*Lector* And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,

*People*  
**We pray to you.**

*Lector* We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

*People*  
**We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,

*People*  
**We pray to you.**

*Lector* Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Aggie Kall, Ally Fisher, Amy Heindel, Nancy Vallely, and Sandra Powers. God of Light and Life,

*People*  
**We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

*People*  
**We pray to you.**

*Lector* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*People*  
**AMEN.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please kneel or stand.*

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

*People* **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE *Please stand.*

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Please be seated.*

### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Deacon* As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

*People* **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the gospel to all nations. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



*People* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand, as you choose.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

*Celebrant and People* **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

*Celebrant* By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*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, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

## **BREAKING OF 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.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.*

*If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant announces the blessing.*

*People* **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

### SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Crucifer/Chalicer	Laura McGary
Lector	Diane Niford
Prayers of the People	Laura McGary
Ushers	Butch & Diane Niford

#### **Prayers are requested for:**

**The Week of Sep 17** – Parker, Barbara, Laura, Linda T, Cathy L, Bonnie L, Nancy C, David C, Colette S, Heather S, Russ Z, Bob S, Milly L, Olena & family, Elena G, Rebecca G, Ally F, Bill GW, Jeff M, Kathy J, Jim, Marilyn, Sue V, Jason C, Joanne, Gene, Clay, Leslie, Adriana P, Kipling, Nancy, Peter & Donna, Helen Marie, Amie T, Dolores, Jim G, Jim W, Dave D, Sherry B, Jackson C, Christopher J.

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Aggie Kall, Ally Fisher, Amy Heindel, Nancy Vallely, and Sandra Powers.

## Announcements

**Blessing of the Animals:** Our annual St. Francis Day service will take place on SUNDAY, OCT 8, 2022 at 10 AM in Peace Park\* – our outdoor, shaded lot on Edgewater Dr next to the church! At our annual Blessing of the Animals service, we praise God, give thanks for all creatures who have touched our lives, and bless the furry, feathered, and scaled animals in our midst. \*In the event of rain, the service will be moved inside Kirk Hall.

**Walking the Mourner's Path:** We are offering this 8-week workshop program beginning the second week of October. This is different than other grief programs in that it is Christ-centered and allows you to find an answer to the question “Where is God in my pain?” By inviting God into the pain, healing occurs. For more information, please contact The Rev. (Deacon) Cindy Roehl.

**Before You Knew Me:** There is a richness in our backgrounds that is waiting to be turned into living color, uncovered and shared. For three weeks, Oct 10, 17, and 24, we will meet in the Patio Room from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm for a fun way to learn about each other. Snacks will be served.

**Stewardship Kickoff Sunday:** This year's stewardship campaign will kick off on Sunday, Oct 22 with all celebrating together at one combined service at 9:00 am. Our annual Ministry Fair will immediately follow the service and is a great time to learn about the many programs here at COGS.



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