



# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

4 October 2020 AD

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Spiritual Communion

Prelude

### Opening Hymn 483 “The Head That Once”

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns the mighty victor’s brow.
- 2 The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heaven’s eternal Light;
- 3 the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love and grants his Name to know. . . .
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him:  
his people’s hope, his people’s wealth, their everlasting theme.

*Opening Sentences*

*Priest:* Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

***People:*** And also with you.

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity* ***Prayer Book page in blue brackets*** [355]

### Hymn of Praise 408 “Sing, My Soul”

- 1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:  
to God all praise and glory.
- 2 What God’s almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne’er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.
- 3 Let all who name Christ’s holy Name give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory.

### The Collect of the Day

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*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

### Lesson

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.* Isaiah 5:1-7 *The Word of the Lord.* [*People:*  
*Thanks be to God.*]

**Gradual Psalm 80:7-14** *read in unison*

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
    show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
    you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
    it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
    and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
    and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
    so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
    and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
    behold and tend this vine; \*  
    preserve what your right hand has planted.

**Epistle**

*A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.* Philippians 3:4b-14 *The Word of the Lord.* [People: Thanks be to God.]

**Sequence Hymn 546** “Awake My Soul”

- 1 Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;  
    a heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,  
    and an immortal crown.
- 2 A cloud of witnesses around hold thee in full survey;  
    forget the steps already trod, and onward urge your way,  
    and onward urge your way.
- 3 'Tis God's all-animating voice that calls thee from on high;  
    'tis his own hand presents the prize to thine aspiring eye,  
    to thine aspiring eye.
- 4 Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;  
    a heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,  
    and an immortal crown.

**The Holy Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.* [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] Matthew 21:33-46 *The Gospel of the Lord.* [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

**The Sermon** *silence follows the sermon*

## The Nicene Creed

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**W**e 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

*The Leader concludes each petition: God of love.*

*And the People respond: **Hear our prayer.***

## Confession and Absolution

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*All:* 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 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 Peace** *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Anthem** *Call to Remembrance* Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercy and Thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.  
*- Psalm 25:5-6*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

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 give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant and People (spoken)*

**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.**

*The Celebrant says the Preface and then all join in the Sanctus:*

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.

*Then the Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving*

*During the prayer, all join in saying the Mystery of Faith: Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues the prayer which concludes:*

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...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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*All offer the Lord's Prayer.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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*Officiant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### **The Invitation**

*Officiant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After the priest takes the Body and Blood of our Lord, a time of Spiritual Communion is offered. Please offer this Prayer during the devotional music.*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul together, with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord"**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,

join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, above all things he gloriously reigneth;

Borne as on eagle wings, safely his saints he sustaineth!

Hath thou not seen how all thou needest hath been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;

surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

Who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again;

gladly forever adore him.

### **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

October 4th is the Feast of St Francis. Many churches offer a blessing of the animals on this day. Here is a way to participate.

### **A PRAYER TO USE IN YOUR HOME**

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant us your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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On All Saints Sunday, November 1st, we will remember departed loved ones. Please send the first name of all those you love and would like remembered that day to the church office at [office@messiahmb.org](mailto:office@messiahmb.org).

## **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH**

*The Upper Room at 4221 North Kings Highway  
the Holy Eucharist is at 10:00 on Sundays*

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