

# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**CELEBRATION SERVICE**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 8, 2023**  
**10:45 A.M.**

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,  
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service. We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome Center.*

*This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.*

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.*

*If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area.)*

*We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

## **DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN**

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.*

## Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, “ordinary” meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ’s eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God’s creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God’s love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

I hope to meet you before and/or after worship, but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

*Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +*

Rector

## + THE GATHERING RITE +

**Organ Voluntary:** "Variations on a Theme by Handel"

*Johannes Brahms*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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**Sacred Silence**

*At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.*

*Please stand at the tolling of the bell.*

**Opening Acclamation**

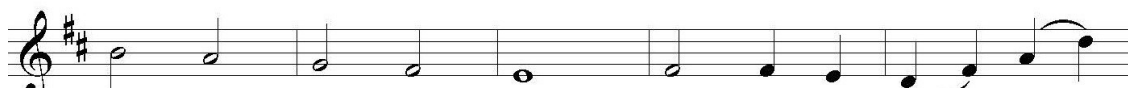
*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** "Jesus Shall Reign"


Words: *Isaac Watts*  
Music: *Duke Street, John Hatton*



Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er he reigns; the pris - oners  
Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**Collect of the Day**

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

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.**

**+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +**

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Moment**

*After the Children’s Moment, children in the third grade and under are invited to follow the cross and attend Children’s Chapel. The children will return after the Peace for Communion.*

**Children’s Sending Prayer**

**O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children’s Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.**

**The Lesson:** Philippians 3:4b-14

*Lector*            A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

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..

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

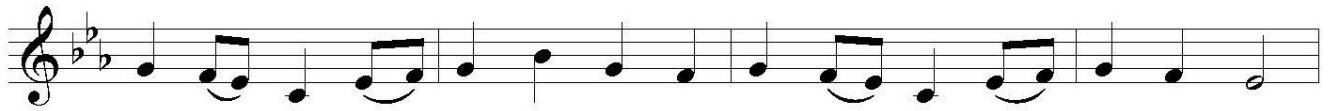


*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Once A Father Told His Children"

Words: *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

Music: *Sacred Harp*



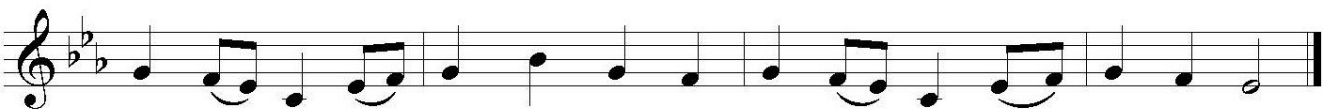
Once a fath - er told his chil - dren, "Go and do your dai - ly chores.  
Once a church was filled with Chris - tians who were proud and feel - ing blessed.  
Once a wo - man, quite the sin - ner, strug - gled deep in pain and doubt.  
God of love, You call your chil - dren; some say, "No! and some say "Yes!"



Go and work out in my vine - yard; all that's mine will soon be yours."  
"God has called us, and we've an - swered; we have tru - ly an - swered "Yes!"  
As she passed that church in win - ter there she saw that man walk out.  
Lord, for - give us for our judg - ing who will be a - mong the blessed.



One re - spond - ed, "I won't do it!" Then he changed his mind and went.  
On a chil - ly Sun - day morn - ing, when a home - less man came by,  
He was home - less, worn and wear - y, so she stopped her car and said,  
For your king - dom is sur - pris - ing; some You call will not o - bey.



One said, "Yes, just send me to it!" But he went back home a - gain.  
they said, "Go! It's not yet storm - ing! God is love, He will sup - ply.  
"I'm no saint but you look hun - gry, let's go buy some soup and bread."  
Those we find our - selves des - pis - ing may be those who seek your way.

*Please remain standing.*

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-46

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.


*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Response: "Aleluya"**

*Edwin Santiago*



A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya,  
A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, Mi al - a - ban - za, sube a ti,  
A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, My praise ris - es up to you.



A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya.  
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*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

**Sacred Silence.**

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## **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.**

*Please stand.*

## **Prayers of the People – Form VI**

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 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; especially for the ministries of those churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's, Bartlesville, and the People and Clergy of our companion Diocese, The Anglican Diocese of Uruguay.

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops, for Father Joseph, Deacon Karen, Deacon Mary Ann, and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*The People may add their own petitions*

For those with medical issues or other concerns: *Judy Moon, Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, Nahomi Gudino, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Gale Wilkerson, Bill Landis, Reggie Ekins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh, Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills, Tess Wade, Michael Parks, Allen Weaver, Kermit Jones, Inna Jones, Felicia Estrada-Trujillo, Ernesto Trujillo, Valdo Trujillo, Claudia Estrada, Ricardo Estrada, Tatiana Velasquez Chicas, Brandi Eaton-Wiles, Charlotte Cascio, Baby Jack, Leah Brashear, Martha Leary, Marina Jones, Julissa Estrada, Ray Friedl, Jaime Mizael Fuentes, Abby Thoreson, Rick Brown, Eric, Elizabeth, and Ely.*

For those in the military: *Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Lizeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Lizeski, Ted Lizeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stendl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, Jefferson C,* our troops at home and abroad and their families.

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

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

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: *Judy Montgomery, Michael Steinhardt, Arie Jones, Scott Chard, Corinthia Gray, Maelyn Mack, Matisyn Mack, Phil McSpadden, Douglas Estep, Chris Poole, Caleb Alsay, Leah Brashear, Margaret Holt.*

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week: *Jahruba & Lori Lambeth, Matthew & Suzanna Lapolla, Brent & Gabrielle Zweifel, Marc & Paige Dillard, Daniel & Tabitha Narvaiz.*

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

We pray for all who have died, that they might have a place in your eternal kingdom including *Judith K. Finnegan and Sally Scribner.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

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

*Please kneel.*  
**Confession of Sin**

Let us most humbly confess our sins unto the Almighty God.

**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**

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.**

*Please stand.*

**Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +**

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. -- Ephesians 5:2

*During the Offering in Song, please sign the attendance sheet in the bulletin and kindly drop it in the offering plate.*

**Offering in Song:** "Mercy In Me"

*Todd Agnew*

*The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

**Presentation Song:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Old 100th*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above the heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*Please remain standing.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus:** “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

*Kathleen Turner*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Bles-sed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho sa - na in the high - est. Ho -

sa - na in the high - - - est.

Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor, Dios del universo.  
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria. Hosanna en el cielo.  
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor. Hosanna en el cielo.

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

### Fraction Anthem: "Agnus Dei"

*Kathleen Turner, arr. S. Chard*



Cor - de - ro, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Cor - de - ro, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Cor - de - ro, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: da - nos paz.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please be seated.*

### **Communion Distribution**

*All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.*

*For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.*

*If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.*

*The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.*

*After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.*

*If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.*

*Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.*

*Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.*

*Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.*

*If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

### **Altar Prayer**

*After receiving Communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.*

### **Candle Lighting**

*After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a prayer for yourself or other need you may have; light a candle and then place it in the sand containers on either side of the front of the church.*

**Communion Meditation: "In Christ Alone"**

*Stewart Townend*

## **+ THE SENDING RITE +**

*Please stand.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Common Worship, Church of England*

*Presider* Let us pray.

**Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

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

*People* **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

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

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

**Voluntary: "Rondeau from Sinfonies de Fanfares"**

*Jean-Joseph Mouret*

*You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service,  
so that we may get to know each other.*

*The altar flowers are given by Debra Krausse in loving memory of Dorothy Devones, Linda Silkwood, and Dorrie Jones.*

*We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel  
after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.*

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessing**

*DOK  
People*

Let us pray.

**O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year.  
Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of  
their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



**+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +**

**Today, Sunday, October 8, 2023, 10:45 A.M.**  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Presider:** The Reverend Dave Thomas

**Assisting Minister:** The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

**Deacon and Preacher:** The Reverend Mary Ann Coffman

**Eucharistic Minister:** Cheryl Mims-Wilson, Cal Jones, and Judy Moon

**Acolyte:** Tyler Westmoreland

**Lector:** Marcy Taber

**Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard and Guy Nembhard, Patrick Hays

**Organist:** Patrick Hays

**Oblation Bearers:** Chris, Becky, and Frankie Olson

**Greeters:** Sherry Dale and Denis Shockley

**Altar Guild:** Jan Pope and Gil Haas

**Usher:** Rick Inselman and Marcy Taber

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There are many Biblical passages that describe the use of incense. The psalmist (Psalms 141:2) requests that God, “Let my prayer be set forth before you as incense”. Jewish worshipers praying before the Holy of Holies while the priest made sacrifices within is described in Luke 1:10, “And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense”. In Revelation 5:8, John envisioned heaven and its liturgy where twenty-four elders worshiped the lamb that was slain holding gold bowls filled with incense “which are the prayers of the saints.” In a later chapter (Revelation 8:3-4), he describes “another angel” who “stood at the altar with a golden censer; and he was given much incense to mingle with the prayers of all the saints...”; “and the smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints”...“before God.” Incense was negatively associated by early Christians with the emperor-worship test (all persons were ordered to place a grain of incense on a sacrificial fire to the emperor - Christians thought that this was blasphemy since it elevated the emperor to godhood). Despite this problem, from the fourth century onward, incense has been used in Christian worship as a sacrificial offering.

*If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: [gghaas@aol.com](mailto:gghaas@aol.com), or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.*

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**Wednesday** – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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## OFFICE HOURS

*To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.*

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