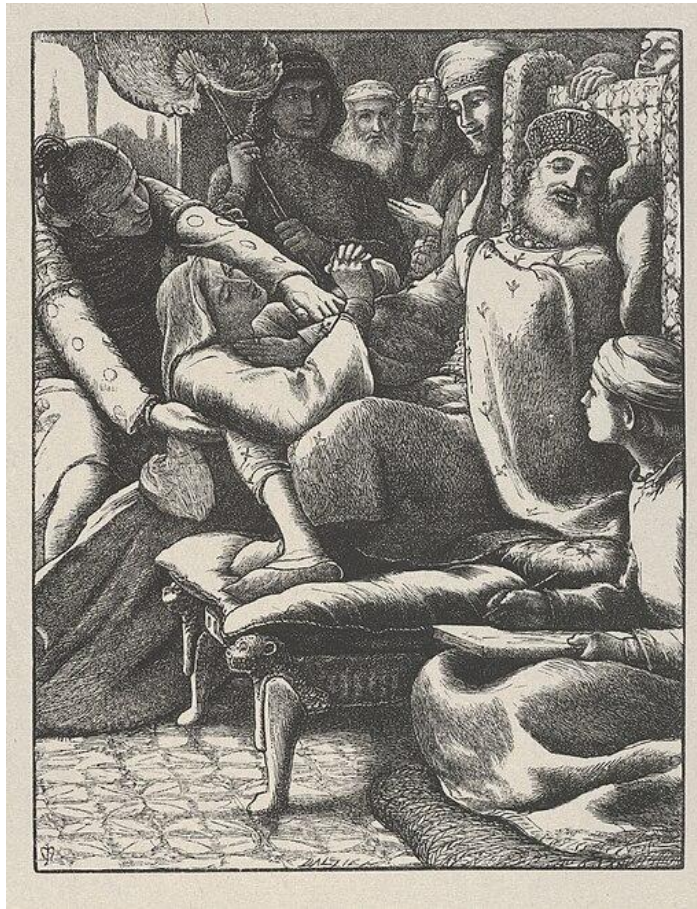


The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
October 19, 2025
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: Miimii (Mourning Dove)

Barbara Assiginaak (1966-)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #470* **There's a wideness in God's mercy**

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider says to the people

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading – *Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm 121 (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 779

The Epistle - *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to

instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Gospel Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, #109 **What a friend we have in Jesus**

The Gospel Reading - Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The 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.

Prayers of the People

from Intercessions for the Christian People

The response to *we stand in need*, O God is **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider concludes with this prayer:

O God, our Father from whom good things flow, we thank you and praise you. Answer our prayers and bring us hope through Christ your Son, who celebrates life with you in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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 our Savior 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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes

Jean Berger (1909-2002)

I to the hills lift up mine eyes, from where shall come mine aid. Mine help doth from Jehovah come, which heav'n and earth hath made. God will not let thy foot be mov'd, nor slumber; that thee keeps. The LORD that keepeth Israel, doth slumb'reth not, nor sleeps. The Lord thy keeper is, the Lord on thy right hand the shade. The Sun by day, nor Moon by night, shall thee by stroke invade. The Lord will keep thee from all ill: thy soul shall keep alway, thy going out, and thy income, the Lord keeps now and aye.

The Presentation Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS), #154 Taste and see

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B (inclusive language)

Presider God is 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 our thanks and praise.

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #S125 Holy, Holy, Holy*

Presider continues

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

Presider and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional language*)

BCP 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

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Richard Proulx

Lamb of God Who takes a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on

us Lamb of God Who takes a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace

The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Solo: Covenant Prayer

Karen Marrolli (solo medium high)

Tim Flaherty, solo

Creator, we belong to you, and you dwell within our hearts. Though the road be rough, we will follow you with the grace your strength imparts. Though we be brought high, though we be brought low, though we journey far from home, let us always seek to grow in love no matter where we roam.

Now let us reach out with loving hands to accept, affirm, embrace every child of God throughout the world and shower them with grace. And let us reach out with grateful hearts and praise our God above through our acts of love and justice as we warm the world with love.

Creator, let us understand that our covenant with you is a covenant with humankind to honor and pursue the road of Christ through the rocky fields to the broken and unshod. Let us heal with love for each soul we meet is a precious Child of God.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and people together

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Forth

The bishops of California have asked fellow Episcopalians to pray the collect below from the Book of Common Prayer in solidarity with their work to protect the rights of undocumented immigrants in Los Angeles and throughout the country.

The Blessing

BCP 823

May God's holy and life-giving Spirit so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of

the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. And may the Blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (*Occasional*)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send you forth, bearing the gift of Holy Communion to...

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Stewardship Message

Suzanne Teleha (steleha@gmail.com)

Don't forget to fill out your Stewardship prompt of the week and place it in the basket on the piano before you leave.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

Grayson Torpey	10/19
George Luskus	10/20
John Brennan	10/21
Eamon Ivory	10/23

Anniversaries:

Dan & Catherine Kelly	10/20
Barbara & Jess Ballenger	10/21
John & Jeannette Klarman	10/21
John & Melissa Olson	10/21
George Luskus & Marsha Blake	10/24

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Announcements

- **Seafarers Collection Kickoff** is today. We will collect items for the seafarers' ditty bags until Nov. 9, when Rev. Barb will bless our collection bin. *See the newsletter for the full list of items.*
- **The Rummage Sale is here!** Donations and sorting start today after the service. We need your donations. We also need your help. *See flyer for sale dates and times.*

- Because of the Rummage Sale set-up, there is no Sunday forum or fellowship after service.
- Stop by our Stewardship Tree on the bulletin board in the hallway heading toward the parish hall. Take a leaf home with you!
- There will be copies of the League of Women Voters non-partisan Guide to the upcoming election available on the piano. *See Kate Boyce for more information.*
- This evening 's Stewardship Connection Meal with the Kipphuts has been canceled. *Please see the newsletter for the remaining meal dates.*

Closing Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, #106 Precious Lord, take my hand

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Precious Lord, take my hand

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