

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
October 4, 2026
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: “Serene Alleluias”

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #400 All creatures of our God and King (v. 1-4)

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant 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; 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 – *Jeremiah 22:13-16*

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness

and his upper rooms by injustice,

who makes his neighbors work for nothing

and does not give them their wages,

14 who says, “I will build myself a spacious house

with large upper rooms,”

and who cuts out windows[a] for it,

paneling it with cedar

and painting it with vermilion.

15 Are you a king

because you compete in cedar?

Did not your father eat and drink

and do justice and righteousness?

Then it was well with him.

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy;

then it was well.

Is not this to know me?

says the Lord.

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

Psalms 148:7-14 (Please use the Book of Common Prayer)

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The Epistle – *Galatians 6:14-18*

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new

creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #405 **All things bright and beautiful**

The Gospel Reading - *Matthew 11: 25-30*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

The Sermon

Rick Pearce, tssf

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

adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People

Made righteous through faith in Christ, asking that we may be faithful to the gift of God's grace, let us now pray to our God in the power of the Spirit, with the response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes with this prayer:

Eternal and compassionate God, receive and fulfil all that we ask according to your will. Give us the grace to welcome your word who is Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider 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: Lord, Make Us Instruments

Olive Dungan (1904-1997)

The Blessing of the Animals

All our animal friends are brought up during the hymn for a special blessing.

The Presentation Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS) #152* Let us break bread together

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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), #S114* 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*)

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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: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), # S158* **Lamb of God**

The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Children's Suite

Mark Hayes (1953-)
solo by Dan Kelly

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 Blessing

UTO Blessing

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Birthdays:

Nancy Reazor	10/05
Barbara Sibley	10/07
Tom Radtke	10/09
Ronald Schmidt Jr.	10/09
Marsha Blake	10/10
Jeanne Hannum	10/10

Anniversaries:

Michael & Terita Reeve	10/05
Natalie & Charles McCrea	10/06
Bob & Wendy Hartung	10/09

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

- Our Youth and Teen Night gathering will be a hoagie dinner and discussion with Rummage Sale organizer Jeanne Robson, next Sunday, Oct. 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The group will meet in the library. See the newsletter to sign up.
- The Fall Rummage Sale donation collection begins next Sunday, Oct. 11 at noon. See the newsletter for sale dates and times.

- A book discussion of Christopher McDougall's *Running with Sherman* will also take place next Sunday, Oct. 11, in the library following morning service. Parishioners Lisa Moore and Betty Hilary will facilitate the conversation.
- The Next Stewardship Dinner will be on Oct. 15, with Jenna Franceski. (Sign up using the link in the newsletter) On Sunday, Oct. 18, we'll officially kick-off Stewardship Season. Stay tuned for our new year-round theme and opportunities.
- Vendors are needed for our Craft Fair, which takes place on Saturday November 28. Parishioners receive a discounted registration fee! See the newsletter to sign up and share the flyer.
- Scan the QR code to read the latest newsletter.



Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, 400 All creatures of our God and King (v. 5-7)

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: O God, Beyond All Praising

Brenda Portman (1982-)

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbarba Ballenger*

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Lectors: *Donna Kulp, Terita Reeve*

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Altar Guild: *Wendy Hartung*

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