

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 550 **Jesus calls us o'er the tumult**

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me;"

2 as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People *For ever and ever. Amen.*

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

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after

Pentecost

Proper 20

September 18, 2022

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist

Canticle S A Song of Our True Nature

Julian of Norwich

*Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, **
our trespasses and our humiliations.

*Christ also revealed his blessed power, **
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in
*greatest need; **

he raises us in spirit

and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of
*nature; **

God is the true father and mother of natures.

*We are all bound to God by nature, **

and we are all bound to God by grace.

*And this grace is for all the world, **

because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ

*for the honor and nobility of all, **

and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

The Collect

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. Amen.

(source: *Veronese Sacramentary*)

The Lessons

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 79:1-9

Deus, venerunt

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O God? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not
known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon
your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 475 God himself is with us

1 God himself is with us:
let us all adore him,
and with awe appear before him.
God is here within us:
souls in silence fear him,
humbly, fervently draw near him.
Now his own
who have known
God, in worship lowly,
yield their spirits wholly.

2 Gladly, Lord, we offer
thine to be forever,
soul and life, and each endeavor.
Help us to surrender
earth's deceitful treasures,
pride of life, and sinful pleasures:
thou alone
shalt be known
Lord of all our being,
life's true way decreeing.

3 Thou pervadest all things;
let thy radiant beauty
light mine eyes to see my duty.
As the tender flowers
eagerly unfold them,
to the sunlight
calmly hold them,
so let me quietly
in thy rays imbue me;
let thy light shine through me.

4. Come, abide within me;
let my soul, like Mary,
be thine earthly sanctuary.
Come, indwelling Spirit,
with transfiguring splendor;
love and honor will I render.
Where I go
here below,
let me bow before thee,
know thee, and adore thee.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you,

make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L. Threadgill

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.*

The Prayers of the People

Form I

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city Johnstown, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, And degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us,
O Lord, by thy grace.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Matthew and of all the saints,
Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our
life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

A Collect for the Ministry (Ember Days)
III. For all Christians in their vocation

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole
body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified:
Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer
before you for all members of your holy Church, that in
their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly
serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says,

Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against
you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your
goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world
you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves
us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our
behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through
our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your*

love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another
in the name of the Lord.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice
Of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.
But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Hymn 538 God of mercy, God of grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine,
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let thy people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Savior King;
let all be, below, above,
one in joy, and light, and love.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Celebrant and People

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in

ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now

present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

*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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and

gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following instruction.

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.

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time please pray the following with me:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Hymn 676

There is a balm in Gilead

[Refrain:]

There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged.
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,

you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life
and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and
one another; and you have made us one with all your
people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the
power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your
redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the
risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.
(source: Celtic)

Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.
2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast 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.

Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

From *Book of Common Prayer 1979* and
Enriching Our Worship 1 1997
Hymns from *Hymnal 1982*
Psalm from *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

Church Beautification Week & Picnic

This week, September 18 – 24, 2022. is Church Beautification Week. Bishop Ketlen will be here Oct. 2. We want the church to look nice for her visit. Anytime this week, if you have an hour or two to spare, please come down and do some weeding. Bring your favorite gardening tools. We will supply bags and boxes to put the weeds in. If everyone can do a little, we can get it done.

This Thursday, Sept. 22, which is the first day of Autumn, we will have a picnic from 5 pm to 7 pm. The church will supply hot dogs and hamburgers to grill. *Bring a dish to pass.*

We will celebrate outside in fellowship and love. It has been too long since we have been able to really enjoy each other's company. Of course, if it rains we will move the picnic inside. Please put this on your calendar and join us. You do not have to have done any weeding. Just come that night and spend time with your church family.

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church, Oakmont,
the Rev. Jeffrey Murph, and the Rev. Dr. Norman Koehler;
and the Chapel at UPMC St. Margaret

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Celebration of the
Wedding Anniversary
Of our Son, Robert Kintner & Alli Kintner

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6,14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service.*