

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020 10:00 a.m.

At-Home Packet



Wheatfield with a Reaper by Vincent van Gogh, 1889

Source: [Van Gogh Museum](https://www.vangoghmuseum.com/en/works-of-art/wheatfield-with-a-reaper)

GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

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.

Prelude: *Pièce héroïque*

César Franck

César Franck (1822-1890) was one of the most influential musicians of the late 19th century. He was one of the key figures to acknowledge and make known the rich musical legacy of the past, from Gregorian chant and the Renaissance through Bach and Beethoven. Pièce héroïque was written for the 1878 Universal Exposition in Paris. A concert hall, the Palais du Trocadéro (1878-1936), was built for the fair. Franck wrote this piece to perform on the large organ in the hall. The work juxtaposes two principal themes. The first profiles a strong rhythmic idea against repeated chords in the accompaniment; the second is like a hymn. The heroic section towards the end provides a triumphant conclusion.

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Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Priest 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 First Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

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.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

*J*esus 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.

Priest The Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Zac Koons

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God. Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

This 18th-century hymn has remained in use even though we have never been certain of its origins. Various clergy and hymnal editors added and subtracted to the text over the years. (Calvinists and Wesleyans making changes to suit their theological persuasions.) Most hymn collections from this era were text-only publications with little or no attribution or, in some cases, misleading or inaccurate information. This may seem strange from our perspective in the 21st century, when there are significant legal ramifications around copyright. However, centuries ago it was common for a lesser known author or composer to inscribe the name of a better-known artist to a work so that it would receive more recognition and sell more copies.

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.
Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansu*, 1710;
harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

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.

Announcements

The Offertory Solo: *Look at the World*

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts that we may see: all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain: *Refrain.* Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold: *Refrain.* Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heavens above: *Refrain.*

Cathy Chadwick, soloist

October 4th commemorates the life of St Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the patron saint of animals and the environment. English composer John Rutter (b. 1945) wrote these words and music in 1996 in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

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The Peace

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

Postlude: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Emma Lou Diemer

St. Francis believed that nature was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters", he preached to the birds and supposedly persuaded a wolf to stop attacking villagers if they agreed to feed the it. In his Canticle of the Creatures (or "Canticle of the Sun"), he mentioned the "Brother Sun" and "Sister Moon", the wind and water. We know these words as the hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King." American composer Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) made this setting in 2005.

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PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James.

For those celebrating birthdays: Christine Brunson, Nora Kelly, Blara Baumgart, Jennifer Gallardo-Payne, Rachel Lee, Amelia Sondgeroth, Carol Todd, Barb Steinberg, John Stephenson, Joseph Sondgeroth, Kathy Pollard, Dave Elkins, Molly McConnell, Katherine Romero, Boston Sanders.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Sallie & Bill Yeager, Melissa & Chris Blanding.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services reservations (*required*) open each Monday prior to the Sunday service, and remain open until all spots are reserved.

RSVP links: www.stmarksaustin.org.

- **8:00 a.m.** (parking lot, approximately 30-person limit)
- **11:00 a.m.** Family Picnic Eucharist, masks required for ages six and up.
- **6:30 p.m.** (Meditation Trail, approximately 15-person limit). Note new time.
- **Friendly reminders:** mask up, bring a chair, maintain 6+ feet of physical distance.

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., with Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings.: *Becoming Christians: Core Christian Practices in a time of Pandemic*. Link will be posted on our website.

Save the Date: M&M Meal, October 18th, 9:00 a.m. via zoom. Join us for a BYOBreakfast Mission and Ministry meeting, as we look towards 2021. Details coming soon.

Upcoming Compline: Wednesday, October 14th, 7:00 p.m. Stay tuned for details.

Next Baptism opportunity: Sunday, November 1. Please contact Fr. Zac for more information: zac@stmarksaustin.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m.** Access links: www.stmarksaustin.org.
- **Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study**, continuing the Gospel of Matthew with Mthr. Mary. The link is available under the [Virtual Gatherings](#) tab on our website.

Ministers of the Service

Lectors:

Mike Thomasson, Cathy Chadwick, Cindy & Dru Cabler.

Peace videos from the following (list may not be in order of appearance):

Beth Chenoweth, Al McKinney, Debbie Thornal, Karen Milton & Michael Meigs, The Lambert Family.



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