

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021, Rite 2

Opening Hymn: #397 "Now thank we all our God"

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Gloria S-277 Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Collect of the Day: 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 Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

The Psalm: Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, ***
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children ***
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, ***
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ***
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? ***
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; ***
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; ***
 you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, ***
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, ***
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, ***
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had

made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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

Sequence Music

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses

command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for the Feast of St. Francis

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Ian and Laura, for all deacons and priests. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: hear our prayer.

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love

People: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own that they may always be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays: Stephen Eells (10/4), Declan Anderson (10/5), Kim Carino (10/5), Pamela Atwood (10/6), Clifford Bartiss III (10/8), Ronald Kolanowski (10/8) and for Chuck Eaton (9/26) who was inadvertently omitted last week; and anniversaries. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; and for all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

God whose name is Love, you created this world and all that is in it. Look upon your creatures which delight us by their variety and beauty. Be with them in their struggle for existence, and shelter them from the dangers that surround them.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Look upon the companion animals, O God, who share our homes and our lives, and show us a love and loyalty few people can surpass. Bless

them for the pleasure and companionship thy give, and protect all those who suffer neglect and cruelty.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Look upon us, O God, with love and mercy. Forgive our selfishness and our cruelty and forgive our abuse your creation, lead us back in your way of love. Transform the hearts of all of us who, out of ignorance or malice, use creation without respect so that we may be filled with your wisdom, love and mercy.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains and plants. We pray that the animals of the Earth may freely enjoy these resources.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Dan Osmond, John Neumuth, Betty Dombrowski, Lydia & Peter Meyers, Kathryn and Olivia; Nelson Moore and for those who are listed in the Continuing Prayers group at the end of the bulletin.

Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Bless those who have died, remembering especially Judith Fowler, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Presider: For what else shall we pray this day?

Presider: Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God's servant Francis. Amen.

Blessing of Animals

You are welcome to bring your pet forward for an individual blessing.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

All: Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Leader: Where there is injury, pardon;

All: Where there is doubt, faith;

Leader: Where there is despair, hope;

All: Where there is darkness, light;

Leader: Where there is sadness, joy.

Leader: O Divine Master, Grant that we may

All: not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

Leader: To be understood as to understand;

All: To be loved as to love.

Leader: For it is in giving that we receive;

All: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

Leader: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal live. Amen

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

The Confession (in unison)

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Celebrant: 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.*

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: #416 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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: S-130 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues: 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

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: S-169

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.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #400 "All creatures of our God and King"

Dismissal People: Thanks be to God



Continuing Prayer List: Dan Osmond, DonnaLee Kay, Sandra Whalen & Thomas Murray; Nelson Moore; Irene Jones; Al Piper; Brian, Kathryn and Olivia; Joan Hamilton, Caroline, Ron Lamp, Betty Dombrowski, Louis & Heidi Schluntz; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal, Jeannette Farren, Scott David, LEK, Erin Conley, Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ella & Nicole, Tom Robbins, & Ti; Rina Bettancourt; Lois Roy; Jessica, Alberta's granddaughter; Louis Mangiafico; JoAnne Jones; Marcelo Orellana, Patricia Angelou.

Announcements

On-going Events

****Balance Class.** The Class continues as usual on Mondays at 10 a.m. \$5 per session.

****Weekly Wednesday Coffee Hour:** We invite folks to join us for our weekly zoom coffee hour. Join in & visit with long-time friends.

Looking Ahead

Harvest Fest Saturday, October 2 from 9-3 and Sunday, October 3 from noon-3pm

Wednesday, October 6 7p.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee

Thursday, October 14 3-5p.m. Senior Friends Program

Saturday, October 16 German Dinner

Sunday Worship

We have returned to our usual two services (8:00 Rite 1 & 10:00 Rite 2). The services are currently being held in the Parish Hall, the safest place during this pandemic. The Town and the Vestry strongly recommend wearing a mask when inside a building.

On Sunday, October 3 we will move worship back to the church and have a blessing of the animals included in both services. You are welcome to bring your four-footed friends into church.

Registering for Sacred Ground

For months now we've talked about a program to help us all understand the many complex issues around race that have fueled divisions in our land. It is now time to register for this program which begins November 1 at 7:00p.m. online. To register simply send an email to Carol at carolgeyer@sbcglobal.net. Join your neighbors in Hebron and the surrounding area to learn, share and listen to the stories of one another.