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# Grace Episcopal Church Yorktown, Virginia

The Rev. Seldon Walker, Rector

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*We may not gather at the church but we gather as the church*

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 417, v1, 3 *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

*This is the feast of victory for our God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*Antiphon*

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation.

*Antiphon*

#### The Salutation

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

**People** *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

#### 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.**

#### Hymn of Praise – Hymn 487 *Come my way, my truth, my life*

- 1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.
- 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
- 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### Old Testament

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

*Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum*

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD  
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice  
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,  
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people,  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did;  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb  
and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior,  
who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

**New Testament**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Sung Gospel Procession – 8-fold Alleluia**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (2x)*

Priest:           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

## The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Seldon Walker

*Period of Silence*

## 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

*Thus the people say, 'The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built.' (Haggai 1v2)*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to provide all that we need, yet our hearts remain anxious for ourselves and our loved ones. We pray that in these difficult times we will stay faithful to you and not relegate you to the margins of our lives. We pray for those anxious about their jobs, loss of income or even their homes. Give us grace to stay centered on you, so that how we live, including the management of our finances, might declare the glory of your presence in our hearts and homes, church and nation. Stir up our spirits O Lord:

**People:** *that we might see your glory in our midst*

*The Lord says, 'My house remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house.' (1v9)*

Lord, in these difficult times we pray for the ministry and mission of this church and every place of worship. Set us free from the fearfulness that turns us inward. Renew in us a sense of generosity in the use of our time, our talents and our treasure. Renew in us concern for those who are struggling in our congregation and our community. Renew in us that vision of what it means to be your church, in this place, at this time. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop, and for all lay and ordained who nurture our life together. Stir up our spirits O Lord:

**People:** *that we might see your glory in our midst*

*The Lord says, 'Give careful thought to your ways. You eat, but never have enough. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes.' (1v6)*

Lord, in these difficult times, while we have much we often feel that we do not have enough and desire more, millions around the world are in want and need. Lord, while our financial situations differ, grant that we may hold fast to your teachings in all areas of our life: Our lifestyles, monetary choices, and financial goals. We pray for the poor of the world who suffer from the heaviness of the present health and economic crisis. Stir up our spirits O Lord:

**People:** *that we might see your glory in our midst*

*The Lord says, 'See, in a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations.'* (2v6)

Lord, we recognize that these difficult times have shaken homes, communities and nations. We pray for our leaders, political and social, for economists and bankers, for managers and trade union representatives. We pray for the welfare of our cities, rural communities, industrial and service sectors. We pray you will stir up the spirits of all of us – leaders and people – to take personal responsibility and to seek a sustainable and just prosperity and peace for all.

We pray for Donald the president, the congress and the courts, and for all those who govern and maintain peace in this and every land. We pray for our healthcare workers and first responders, especially for Kyle Boyce (son of Debra and Art Boyce) and his partner Lauren Eary, Jessica Harvey (daughter in law of Jeanne and Gary Harvey), Maura McCarley (daughter of Christy and Brett) and her roommate, Genis.

We pray for those whose vocation is in service to our country, that they may be strengthened for your service and kept free from harm, especially Adrian Bogart III, Adrian Bogart IV, Meghan Collins, James Gouger, J.J. Jones, Thomas Lopez, Andrew Sainsbury, Parker Sandford, Jack Tartala, Donald Washburn, and William Washburn. Stir up our spirits O Lord

**People: *that we might see your glory in our midst***

*The Lord says, 'Be strong, for I am with you. My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'* (2v5)

Lord we pray for those for whom life now seems as nothing compared to before. We pray for those who are feeling lonely, disappointed, anxious or fearful. We pray for those who are in prison. We pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially Sandy Armstrong, Maura Marcella, Ryan Henry (son of Nancy Henry), Jerri Hyle, Forster Ryan, William Carleton (friend of Gordon Rheinstrom), Travis Rountrey (friend of the O'Brien family), Eric Utley, those impacted by natural disaster, and all infected with the coronavirus.

We also pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Gary King, Sue Cundiff, Evie Twigg, and Brian Wilson. We remember those who have died and those who live now with the pain of bereavement, praying especially for Kathryn Hidingier (mother of Debra Boyce), and Col. John (Ski) Joseph Pryzbylski. Grant, to each Lord, your promise that, 'In this place I will grant peace.' Stir up our spirits O Lord:

**People: *that we might see your glory in our midst***

*The Lord says, 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house.'* (2v9)

Lord, through these difficult times, grant us grace as individuals, as churches and as a nation to embrace a new way of living. May we recognize that the creation of wealth is more than profit; it also embraces social justice, environmental awareness, moral and spiritual values and the importance of trust and relationships in our personal and business dealings. For as our Jewish tradition has taught, all you require of us Lord is that we: Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Stir up our spirits O Lord

**People: *that we might know your presence with us in our hearts, our homes and our nation. May we see your glory dwell among us as you do new things in our lives. Amen.***

#### *Celebrant*

Loving Father you have made us your people, richly provided us with good gifts and called us to live for you; may gratitude be in our hearts; may generosity be in our hands; may justice and righteousness and love guide our feet and may the life of your kingdom and the joy of heaven be found among us. Amen.

#### **The Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept.*)

#### *Minister 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 your Son 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.***

#### **The Absolution**

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:

Celebrant May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Thanksgiving Basket** (*Offerings to the Thanksgiving Basket for October will go to St Francis Service Dogs*)

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory

Offertory Music

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *A proper preface is said...*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

***Sanctus (Setting: Richard Proulx)***

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

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*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."

*The Celebrant continues,*

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,

*Celebrant 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.***

### The Breaking of the Bread

**Celebrant** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

### Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Jesus, with all the faithful who gather in your Holy Name this day, we join in praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We believe that you are truly present in this bread and this wine. We believe that, in your goodness, you unite us, wherever we are, as one body. Although we cannot physically gather at this time, we pray that you come into our hearts and join us with you and with one another in bonds of love.

***In this holy moment, I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.***

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant and People*

***Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.***

### The Blessing

#### Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Let us bless the Lord.

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

#### Dismissal Hymn 680, v 1, 2, 5,6 *O God our help*

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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