

...where there is more than one way to *be, believe and belong*

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
7 August 2022

*A year of putting
our heads in our hearts*

Worshipping in Person and Online
9:30 in the morning

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We are glad you are here and welcome you to fully participate in God's mission and ministry at Church of the Apostles. All are welcome, without exception or reservation. We are an inclusive Christian community that makes a difference in peoples' lives.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Tocatta in E-minor, BWV 533

J.S. Bach

Processional

The King of Love my shepherd is

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1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People Now and forever. Amen.



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



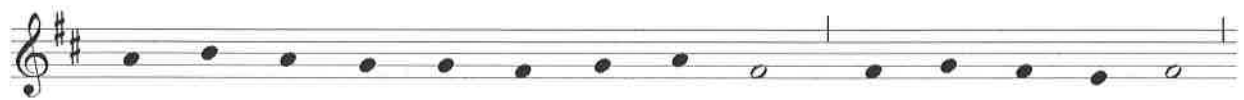
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Shepherd-of-All who lays down your life that we may be one; free us from temptation to escape your blessing hand, weave our lives together so that we will withstand the wily ways and wickedness of those whose tongues wager deceit and lie-in-wait to snatch the vulnerable and weak. With the affection of the Compassionate One we pray. **Amen.**

The Hebrew Testament

1 Samuel 17.1-7, 12-16, 24-27

Now the Philistines gathered their encampments for war; they were gathered at Socoh, which is part of Judah and they encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammin. And Saul and the Israelites were gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah and they organized ranks to engage the Philistines. Now the Philistines were standing on this hill and the men of Israel were standing on this other hill with a valley between them. And there went out from the camp of the Philistines a man apart [a champion], Goliath was his name, of Gath; his height was six cubits and a span [over nine feet tall]. A helmet of bronze was on his head and he was clothed in scale armor; the weight of the bronze armor was five thousand shekels [or one hundred twenty-five pounds]. And greaves of bronze were on his legs, and a javelin of bronze between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam and the iron tip of his spear weighted six hundred shekels [or fifteen pounds] and his shield-bearer went before him.

Now David was the son of this Ephrathite man of Bethlehem in Judah, and his name was Jesse, and he had eight sons. And the man was, by the days of Saul, old and going as mortals do. Now the three eldest ones of Jesse set out and followed Saul to the battle; the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, Abinadab his second, and the third, Shammah. David was the youngest; the three eldest followed Saul. David would come and go back from Saul to feed his

father's sheep at Bethlehem. And the Philistine came forward morning and evening and took his stand for forty days.

And all the men of Israel in seeing the man, fled from his presence and were very afraid. The Israelites said, "Do you all see this man who is coming forward? He is coming forward to insult Israel. What will happen is, the man who smites him, the sovereign will make rich—great riches!—and he will give him his daughter and make his family free in Israel. David said to the men who were standing with him, "What shall be done for the man who smites this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the ranks of the living God?" The people answered him according to those spoken words, "Thus shall it be done for the man who smites him."

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

10.1-14

Let us say the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Why, COMPASSIONATE ONE, do you stand afar?

Why do you hide yourself in hard times?

In arrogance the wicked harass the poor;

let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

For the wicked praise their [every] inmost desire,

extort gain and bless those who despise the CREATOR OF ALL.

The wicked turn up their nose and do not seek [God];

There is no God in all their thoughts.

Their ways prosper all the time;

your judgements are on high, beyond them;

all their foes scoff at them.

They say in their heart, "We shall not be shaken;

nor [see] evil down through the generations."

Cursing fills their mouths along with the deceit and oppression;

under their tongues are trouble and iniquity.

They sit in ambush in the villages;
in hiding places they murder the innocent.

Their eyes surveil the vulnerable.

They lie-in-wait that they may snatch the poor;
they search the poor and drag them off in their net.

They stoop, they crouch,
and the vulnerable fall prey through their might.

They say in their heart, "God has forgotten,
she has hidden her face, she will never see it."

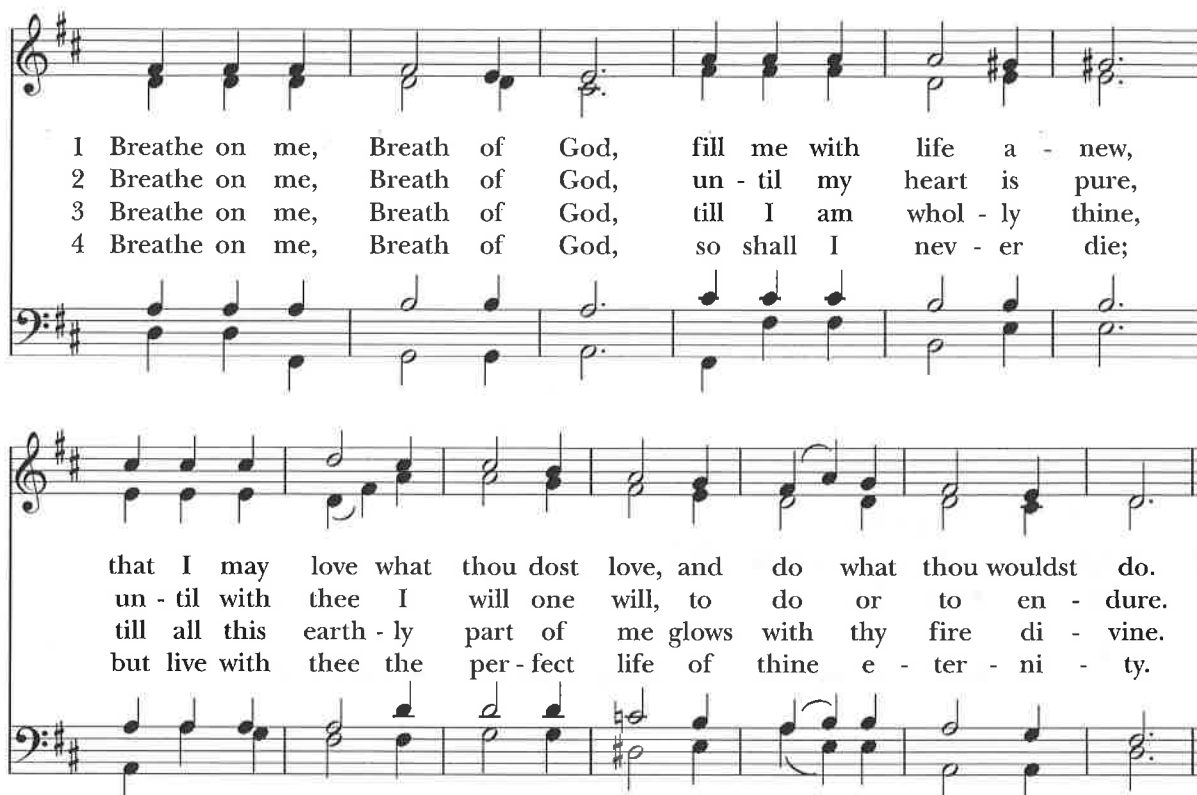
Rise up, FAITHFUL GOD; dear God, lift up your hand;
forget not the oppressed.

Why do the wicked despise God,
and say in their hearts you shall not find out?

You see, you regard trouble and grief,
to take [it] into your hands.

Upon you the vulnerable entrust themselves;
to the orphan you have ever [only] been their helper.

Please stand.



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The Gospel

John 10.11-16

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus the Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd to whom the sheep do not belong, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. All because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Shepherd-Of-All knows me and I know the Shepherd-Of-All. And I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold: I must bring them as well, and they will listen to my voice, thus there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Debra Asis

A period of silent meditation follows the sermon.

Words for the Wordless

Please stand as we say Words for the Wordless together.

We believe Divine Presence, that we call One God,
is the essence and substance of all that is.
It transcends every image of human understanding.

We believe Jesus is an unprecedented revelation
of living in accord with Divine Presence,
He is an exemplar of the life giving and affirming potential
of being in full enunciation.

We believe the Spirit of life that is present with all persons
is of the essence and substance of God.
It is the spark that transforms creaturely brutality
into inspired humanity.

We believe the Church exists to foster world transforming love;
by exercising 'power with' rather than 'power over,'
by cultivating community rather than conformity,
and by propagating unity rather than uniformity.

We believe questions are more valuable than answers
and humbly submit all that we believe
to prayerful examination.

***This statement of faith is a contemporary reflection on the mysteries of the Christian faith and an invitation to each of us to continue pondering the inexplicable presence and action of God in our lives and the world.*

Words for the Wordless

O Holy One,
you have set us within a world of wonder,
an endless font of fascination.

**We are fired into this world
with bottomless desire.**

Forgive our fascinations
**that lead us away from the holy
to the profane.**

We are mesmerized by violence,
transfixed by displays of dominance
and allured by the fetish of personal fortune.

Still you do not give up on us.
**You are the persuasive pull of love
and the insistent push over the edge
of yesterday's truth.**

You are the message of meaning
and the promise of love
written into the stars and the life of this planet,
manifest in Jesus,
beckoning truth and beacon of becoming.

We rest in holy longing.

For all who suffer want or need
in the throes of living and dying,
**we put our faith in your Presence
with them and with us. Amen.**

Adapted from Bruce Sanguin's If Darwin Prayed

The Confession and Absolution

**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 the 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 Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord is always with you.
People And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Anthem *My shepherd will supply my need* American folk melody

Unison or harmony

3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

The Holy Communion

Adapted from Grace Cathedral Liturgy

- Presider God is with you.
- People And also with you.
- Presider Lift up your hearts.
- People We lift them to our God.
- Presider Let us give thanks to our radiant God.
- People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus the Christ your eternal Word, the delight and illumination of your love. Holy one of blessing, you formed humanity according to your divine image and likeness, and made all creatures as glittering mirrors of your divine presence. Your lavish love shines through all things in such a way that it surpasses every insight of human understanding. None of us can grasp your abounding generosity. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, your eternal Word put on human flesh to redeem our lost humanity in the revelation of your love. All of creation is awakened, called and made holy by the indwelling summons of your eternal Word.

For on the night before he suffered death, Jesus, the eternal Word, gathered his friends around the table. And as he took bread, he offered thanks to you; breaking it and giving it to all of them saying, "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After all of them had eaten, Jesus took the cup, offered thanks to you and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All We remember Christ crucified and risen,
 Who was and is and is to come.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us here gathered, and upon these gifts of bread and wine. As these gifts are the body and blood of Christ for us, so may we, who are redeemed, beloved and inspired in the flame of your love, be the Body of Christ for all of your creation. Through your son Jesus the Christ, with your Holy Spirit, in your blessed Church, all honor and glory is yours, Precious God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior the Christ has taught us, we now pray.

Pray either version of the Lord's prayer in your preferred language.

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven, holy is your
name. Your kingdom come, your will
be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sin as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the
time of trial and deliver us from evil for
yours is the kingdom and power and
glory forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Behold what you are. Become what you eat.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE AND HEALING PRAYER

All who seek Christ are welcome to receive the bread and wine made Holy. If you prefer to receive a blessing please come forward and cross your hands over your chest when the host is offered to you. Gluten free wafers are available. We affirm that all who worship with us online fully receive the spiritual presence.

Communion Music Improvisation on *Down Ampney*

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

**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 forever
in the risen life of Christ. Amen.**

The Blessing

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Deacon Worship is over.

People Our service begins.

The Postlude

Fugue, BWV 533

Bach

Altar Flowers are given this morning in celebration of the wedding anniversary of John & Margaret Frank

Weekly Prayer List

We pray, O God, for Teresa, Lorel, Robert, Christine, Miguel, S.C., Elena, Josephine, Ronnie, and all those suffering the effects of violence, hatred and fear especially the people of Ukraine and Russia.

We continue to pray for, Dawn & her family, Ava, Geri & John, John, Karter, Earl, Fran, Franco and Laurie.

For the President Joe and Governor Doug.

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Jennifer, and our clergy, Rev. Debra and Rev. Sherry.

*Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus the Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

For those who are serving in the Armed Forces at home or abroad, particularly Campbell Kerr, Robert Graham, Zack Rodriguez, Tom Marshall, Tim Jeffers and Thomas Aragon.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Tombstone St. Pauls

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of the Province of West Indies

Prayer request forms are available at the Greeters' Table. You may complete and place them in the offering basket. People will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. Please contact the office to extend if needed. If you would like private prayer, please contact The Rev. Debra Asis. You may also request prayers through our Prayer Connections. Notify Terry Rosato at ter.rosato@gmail.com