

*The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost*

*Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00 a.m.*

*September 6, 2020*



*Saint Theodore's Episcopal Church*

*Bella Vista, Arkansas*

*The Right Reverend Larry R. Benfield,  
Bishop of Arkansas*

All of the following service can be found in the

1979 Book of Common Prayer

Scripture lessons are taken from the

Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for Year A and are from  
the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Organ Prelude      *The King of Love*      Cherwein

*Chorale prelude on a melody*

*by Orlando Gibbons*

Willan

*The people standing, the celebrant says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

**Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*      **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.*

## Glory to God

*Said in unison*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* **GRANT US, O LORD,** to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

*Celebrant* GOD OF ALL POWER AND LOVE, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons** (*Sit*)

### **FIRST READING:** Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that

remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Reader*        **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 149**

*King James Version*

*Sung by cantors*

*Antiphon* The LORD taketh pleasure in his people:  
                  he will beautify the meek.

- 1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song,  
                  and his praise in the congregation of saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:  
                  let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance:  
                  let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel  
                  and harp.
- 4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people:  
                  he will beautify the meek with salvation.
- 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory:  
                  let them sing aloud upon their beds.

- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen,  
and punishments upon the people;
- 8 To bind their kings with chains,  
and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute upon them the judgment written:  
this honor have all his saints.  
Praise ye the LORD.

*Antiphon* The LORD taketh pleasure in his people:  
he will beautify the meek.

## **SECOND READING:** Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

*Organ interlude before the Gospel reading*



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** *(Remain standing)*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:* *God our Sustainer, you have promised that whenever two or three are gathered in your name, you are among us: Unite*



*your church as we bring our prayers to you, saying: Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.*

**Litanist:** Gracious One, you have gathered your Church under Christ's command that we love one another: Loose your people from all misunderstanding that leads to conflict and bind us with the ties of mutual regard for the sake of your Son Jesus.

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;

**People: sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

**Litanist:** Mighty One, you call our nation and the leaders of the world to fulfill your law by loving our neighbor as our selves: Give courage to the powerful to lay aside the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, that they may mediate your peace and love.

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;

**People: sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

**Litanist:** Loving God, you bring the oppressed into freedom and work for the liberation of all: Hear the cries of all who suffer and lead them to a place of feasting and celebration for the day of their deliverance.

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;

**People: sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

**Litanist:** Uniting God, you call us to reconciliation and peace within our community, and you command us to love one another: Let your graciousness dwell in this city, that we may live honorably and generously.

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;

**People: sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

**Litanist:** Compassionate One, you invite our neighbors into the circle of your divine love: Hear our prayers for those who are near and far, especially Amanda, Becky, Karen Kay, Diane, Valerie, Ryan, Mary, Sue, the Rector Search Committee, and all those who have contracted Covid-19 and all who care for them.

*(Pause)*

We sing our songs of thanksgiving to you for all the blessings of this life, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Larry, our bishop; Lowell, our interim supply priest; and Chris, our Candidate for Holy Orders. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for All Saints', Paragould; and Grace Church, Pine Bluff. And we give thanks for all those in our parish family celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week.

We remember before you those who have entered into your heavenly feast, especially all those who have succumbed to the Corona virus. (*Pause*)

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;

**People: sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

*Celebrant: Open our eyes, dear God, to see that the night is far gone and the day is close, that your salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers: Clothe us with the armor of light, that we may put on the Lord Jesus Christ and live in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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

*Leader and People (Remain standing)*

**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 Celebrant says*

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.*

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

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

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

*Organ music is played and the People remain standing as the Celebrant prepares the Table.*

*After the Table has been prepared, the Celebrant says:*

All things come of thee, O Lord

**People: And of thine own have we given thee.**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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.**



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

*Communion is received by the Celebrant*

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*Celebrant and People*

**My Lord 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.**

## **Closing Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

(BCP 366)

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

God is with us. The night is far gone and the day is past. Lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Gathered in Christ's name we are a community of reconciliation. Be bound together in union with Christ on earth as you will be bound with Christ in heaven.

The Spirit fills and empowers us. Live honorably. Love one another, and love your neighbor as yourself.

And the blessing of our reconciling God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and unite you, now and forever. Amen.

## Dismissal

*The Celebrant says the words of dismissal*

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

Organ Postlude

*Toccata in c*

Walther

## Participants in the Service

Celebrant    The Reverend Lowell Grisham

Organist    Annette Zehring

Crucifer    Josh Goodrich

Cantors    Marc and Charista Paine

Readers    Lana McDonald, Sue Williams

