

Founded in 1870 as St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020, 11:00 am

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Participate in this service via video on our <u>YouTube channel</u> or our <u>Facebook page</u>.

Prelude

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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

Song of Praise Hymn 405



Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The celebrant prays the collect of the Day, to which the people respond Amen.

Isaiah 5:1-7

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

Psalm 80:7-14

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right hand has planted.

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

At the Sequence: Jamaican Alleluias



Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21:33-46

After the Gospel
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rob Lamborn

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, Form IV

The people respond to each petition **Hear our prayer**.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

After a period of silence, all pray together
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 youor 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 Priest pronounces absolution; then all stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

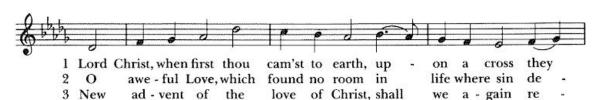
In greeting each other in the name of the Lord, keep at least 6 feet distant.

Announcements

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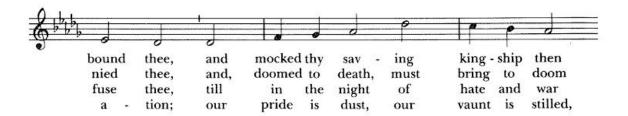
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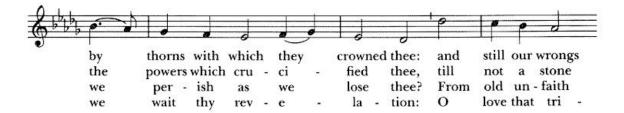


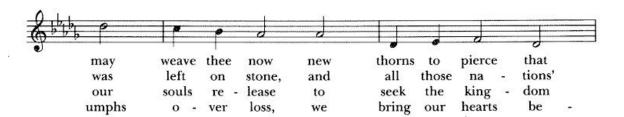
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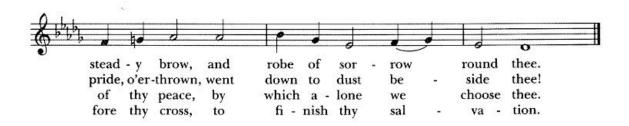
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Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566

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Presentation of Food for the Community Action Committee

V. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord;

R. And you give them their food in due season.

Let us pray (in unison): Almighty God, we offer this food in obedience to your command that we love our neighbors as ourselves, and that together we may know the fruits of faith, hope, and charity. Grant that as bodies are fed, so might spiritual hunger be satisfied as well through your Son Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

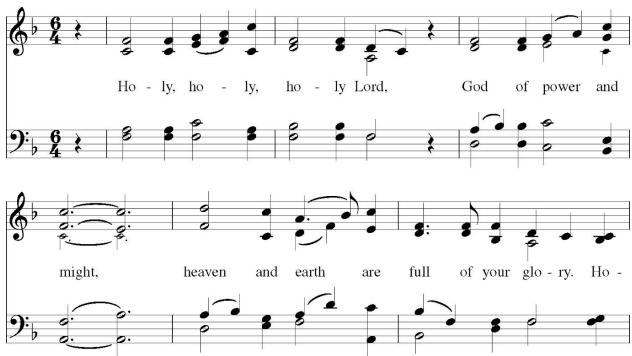
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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

Sanctus WLP 858





The celebrant continues . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

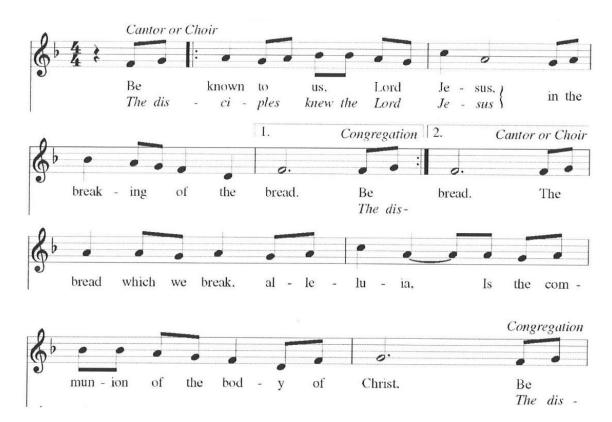
The Celebrant continues \dots now and for ever. People AMEN.

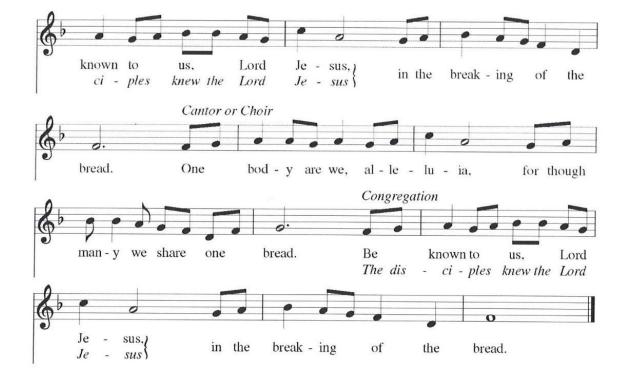
Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray. All

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: WLP 875





Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

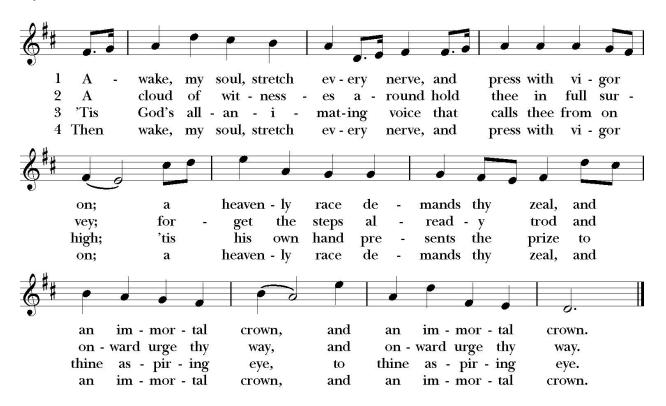
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Be sure to maintain 6 feet of distance. Keep your mask on and extend your arms fully to receive the wafer bread dropped into your cupped hands by the celebrant. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest. As you pass the table of chalices, you are then invited to pick up one per household. After returning to your seat, shift your mask, consume the Sacrament, and re-mask right after. Please return the chalice to one of the tables provided following the service.

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 546



Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. Melodia Sacra, 1815

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing.

A Deacon dismisses the People, who respond Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hymns are used by permission via riteseries.org.

The arrangement at the Altar today is given to the greater glory of God by Diane, Evan, Ariel, and Rowan Jones in loving memory of Ariel's Godfather, The Rev. David Wells Crippen.

Readers – Beth Wiley, Michael Whitman
Intercessor – David Boyd
Server – Ted Clarkson
Cantors – Belen Wilson-Rodriguez
Mercedes Rodriguez-Laureani
Yuriria Rodriguez-Laureani
Video – David Boyd
Ushers – David Burnett, Barbara Prunty
Vestry of the Day – David Burnett
Flowers – Marilyn Phelps

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Anglican Church of Tanzania

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Michael's, Cookeville

Prayer Requests: Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, Bonnie Babb, David Burnett, Corky Carlisle, Garry Collins, Matthew Collins, Catherine Garcia, Ariel Jones, Houston King, Cheryl Lankhaar, Mary Lynch, Raymond McCoy, Mary Matlock Newman, Elizabeth Noland, Allen Peek, Jennifer Sturgis Roberts, Russell Stubblefield, Elizabeth Taylor, Van Tucker, Peggy Ward, those suffering from coronavirus, those harmed by hurricane or wildfire, and those others we name.

Departed: Terry Reynolds

Birthdays: Phebe Hethcock, Aaron Elrod, Sharon Zachau, Ellie Jenkins, Rebecca Van de Ven, Jenna Black, Aden Rung, Jim Pappas

Weather permitting, Otey will have an outdoor service at 11am each Sunday in the shaded area in front of Brooks Hall marked off into separate distanced areas for each individual or family. Please bring anything you may need, like chairs or blankets. If it is prudent for you to attend, we hope to see you there.

Worship will continue to be offered online at 8:30 on our Facebook page and at 11:00am and afterward on our YouTube channel.

Godly Play - 9:15-9:45 Godly Play Sunday School "The Ten Best Ways" - Barbara Prunty

For zoom information please contact Jeannie at for link and password. Godly Play kits are available to pick up Friday afternoons on the CAC porch. These are paper bags containing a snack to enjoy during our closing feast, and a few art supplies that may have something to do with the story. Please check the bags to make sure supplies are appropriate for your child's developmental level. You might also provide supplies for open-ended projects (play-doh or clay, markers, etc.) Age 3 through 5th grade.

Otey Coffee Half Hour: Join Zoom Meeting

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Sunday Forum, **9:45am:** This week Karen Meridith will lead a conversation about DuBose's life, theology, and extensive connections across Sewanee and the surrounding area. The Rev. William Porcher DuBose, celebrated Anglican theologian, has deep connections to Sewanee, having served as chaplain of the University, dean of the School of Theology, and rector of Otey Parish. The Sunday Forum is currently meeting in Zoom on Sunday mornings 9:45-10:45. The topic for the series this year, as Otey Parish celebrates its Sesquicentennial, is "Otey's Ministry & Witness: Past, Present, & Future." All are welcome.

Karen Meridith has been the Executive Director of Education for Ministry at the School of Theology since 2010.

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Fire on the Mountain Youth Sunday School - 4-6pm on the porch of Brooks Hall at Otey Memorial Parish. A snack will be provided, but please bring your own water. Please wear a mask. We will remain outdoors and practice social distancing. Grades 6-12.Walk.

Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi: 4:00pm at St. James Church, 898 Midway Road. Please plan to keep yourself and your animals distanced! You can also bring a picture of your pet if that is more practical.

CAC continues its work of serving the needy with food and in other ways. Director David Goodpaster is staffing CAC, taking sensible precautions while serving people in need 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.

Parish staff members are combining in-person and remote work as best fits their duties. To meet with a staff member, please contact the staff member directly, call the office phone number (931-598-5926), or send an email (admin@oteyparish.org).

October 4, 2020

Surrendering privilege and wealth

BY THE REV. ED GOMEZ

This Sunday falls on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and, as if by

design, all the readings speak to his exemplary life of practicing generosity. Living church in the time of COVID-19 has reconfirmed my views of poverty and generosity.

As I ponder today's readings, Paul's words pop out at me in Philippians, where he writes:

"Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ."

He continues:

"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."

In reflecting on the life of Francis and these words, I wish to suggest that we not romanticize his embrace of poverty, but rather focus on his Faith-Filled Generosity. His generosity allowed him to surrender his privilege and wealth, and to embrace and consider them "rubbish," in order to be Jesus to those who need Him most.

When the church where I serve, San Pablo in Houston, closed doors for public worship, we opened a new way of church... one that provided drive-by food distribution and rental assistance for Houston's most vulnerable people. Donations and volunteerism increased tenfold and online viewership flourished more than any Sunday attendance record in recent memory. The gifts came mainly from those we called "unchurched" or who do not consider themselves religious. The joy exuded in giving included dancing, socially distant high-fives and laughter through masks.



For reflection

- In this time of COVID-19, did you focus and mourn what you lost, or rather did you focus and rejoice on what you gave to others?
- When you have practiced faith-filled generosity, did you experience an increase in joy and wealth; i.e., wealth as a quality of life measure: joy, peace, love, personal satisfaction, fulfillment and self-actualization?

Our worship became solidarity and compassion, the religious became spiritual, the unchurched found their worship, and the poor heard and felt the Good News. I learned that practicing Faith-Filled Generosity as Francis did transforms and unites us all. A new Church for a new world.

Ed Gomez is pastor at Iglesia de San Pablo in Houston. He also serves on the boards of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship and Christian Church Homes.

The mission of Otey Parish is to worship God, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to serve the world for which Christ died, to educate and nurture our community, and welcome all.

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