

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II) WITH PRAYERS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION CARE
& THE FEAST OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

10:00 AM



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The Word of God

The Prelude

Sometimes a Light Surprises

arr. Warren Swenson

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn For the beauty of the earth

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1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The 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.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Most present, loving, good Creator, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of the human world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in shared life with your whole Creation in perfectness of joy; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the Book of Job (39:1-18)

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

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

Psalm 121 (*prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
 from where is my help to come?

People: **My help comes from the Lord, ***
 the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved *
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading from *The Comforting Whirlwind* by Bill McKibben

What we need to be figuring out, in this time of ecological climate crisis, is nothing less than what the proper relationship is between people, the earth, and God. Biblical examples of “stewardship” such as resting the land in Jubilee years, call for human restraint – there is an emphasis not on immediate gratification, but on the long-term survival of the integrity of the land, and humility about how to care for the earth. The voice of God in the whirlwind calls us to humility and also calls us, overwhelmingly, to joy. To immersion in the fantastic beauty and drama all around us. God embarks on a defiantly proud tour of the physical world, a world filled with untamed glory that reflects his own. We are beyond categories here, and into the rich, tough, grisly fabric of life. The meaning is clear—it is overpowering. Not only are all these things mighty and inexplicable and painful, but they are unbearably beautiful to God. They are right. They should brew in us a force and intoxicating joy.¹

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

¹ McKibben, Bill, *The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job and the Scale of Creation* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Cowley Publications, 2005) excerpts from pp. 39-43

(1) God folds the moun-tains out of rock And fus - es
Our in - stru-ments can probe and sound The fold - ed
(3) Lord, grant us what we can - not mine, What sci - ence

(1) el - e - men-tal powers In ores and at - oms we un-lock
moun-tain's po - tent core, But wis-dom's ways are nev - er found
(3) can - not plumb or chart: Your wis - dom and your truth di - vine

(1) To claim as if their wealth were ours. From veins of
A - mong the lodes of bur - ied ore, Yet wis - dom
(3) En - fold - ed in a faith - ful heart. Then we like

(1) stone we lift up fire, And too im-pressed by our own skill
is the great-er need, And wis - dom is the great-er source,
(3) moun-tains rich-ly veined Will be a source of light and flame

(1) We use the flame that we ac - quire
For lack - ing wis - dom we pro - ceed
(3) Whose en - er - gies have been or - dained

(1) Not think - ing of the Mak - er's will.
To waste God's oth - er gifts on force.
(3) To glo - ri - fy the Mak - er's name.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’” Then he said, “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’” “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

You may continue to stand or sit or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Prayers of the People

During the silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

In the beginning, **God was.**

Here and now, **God is.**

In the future, **God will be.**

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of Cape Cod and its lakes and ponds and shore. Grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray especially for St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Mary's Church, Rockport; Grace Church, Salem; St. Peter's Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem; as well as all congregational secretaries and administrators.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for those with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. We hold before Israel, Gaza, Iran and the wider Middle East, Russia and Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan and South Sudan and all regions of the world torn apart by war and civil unrest.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help especially those who have asked for our prayers, Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, Joanne Gamble, Mary McGary, Andrew Payne, Pam Soderholm, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, Jen, Joan, Kim, Kristy, Lauren, Parker, Pat and those we name before you now.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially Larry Coulter and those we name before you now.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

The Concluding Collect

God of all creation, whose imagination and desire embrace all: We seek to discern you in the interplay of forces, in the order and the chaos of the universe, and in the complexities of every living system. Give us grace to honor your goodness in what we know and in what we do not know, in the world's harmonies and turbulence, and in its promise and change. For you are in, through, and beyond all that is: one God, made known to us in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and guide. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

People: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God

Ludwig van Beethoven

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory, through all the earth his praise is found.

The seas re-echo the marvelous story, let all repeat that glorious sound.

The starry hosts he doth order and number, he fills the morning's golden springs,
he wakes the sun from his night-curtained slumber; O all adore the King of Kings!

The heavens are his and the earth knows his favor, his power in all things thou dost see,
the Lord of hosts who forever and ever thy God and Father still shall be.

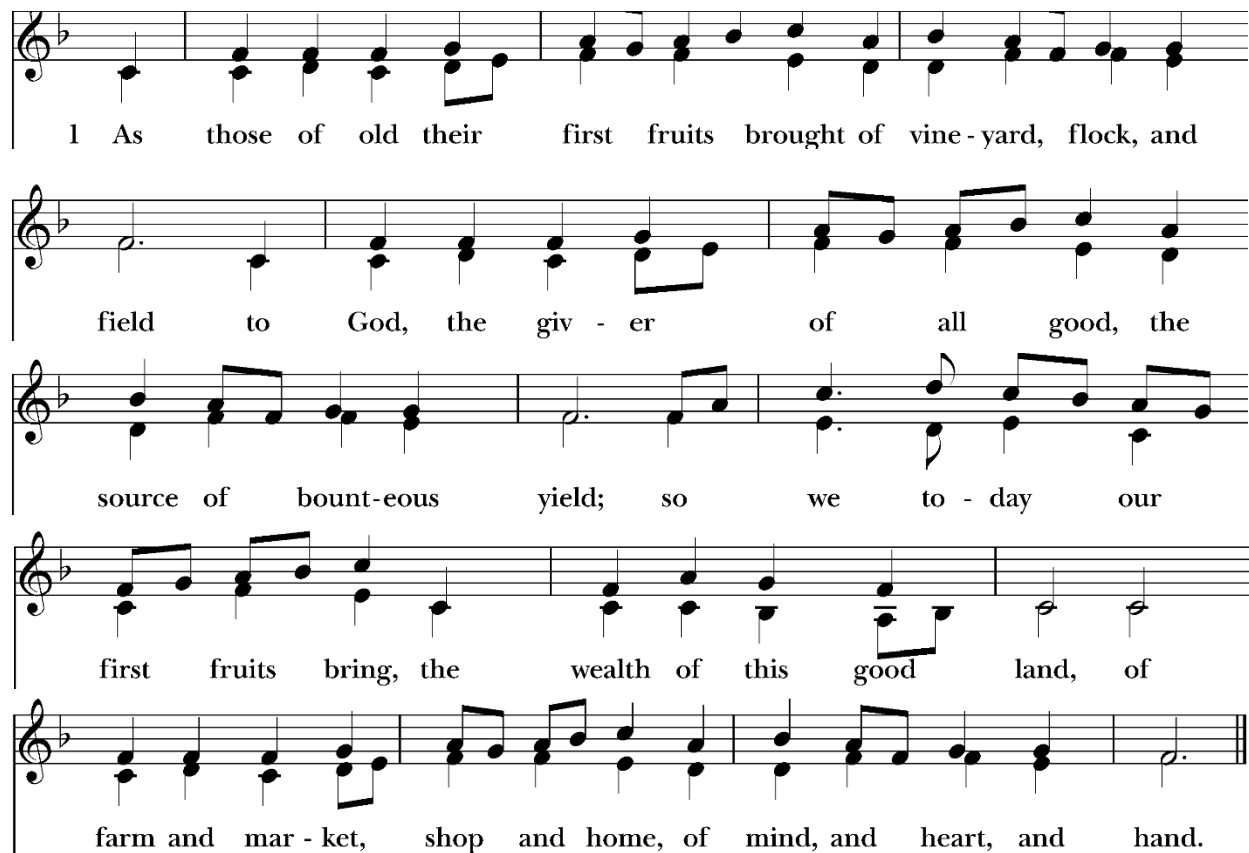
He is thy maker whose love shall not waver, a God of wisdom, ever kind;

Praise him and love him with all thy endeavor, in him salvation shall thou find.

Please stand as you are able.

The Offertory Hymn 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green



1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and
field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our
first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer I

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation, as we sing:

Sanctus S 129

Powell

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._____

You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: *“Take, eat This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S 161

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

We offer the following prayer each week in solidarity with those viewing from home.

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.

Light

Sebastian Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace.

Where there is ha-tred,
Where there's de-spair in
It is in par-don-

1. let me bring your love. _____
2. life, let me bring hope. _____
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____

Where there is in - ju -
Where there is dark-ness
In giv-ing of our -

1. ry, your par-don, Lord,
2. _____ on - ly light,
4. selves that we re - ceive,

And where there's doubt, true
And where there's sad - ness
And in dy - ing that we're

1, Final 1st time: to Verse 2 (Fine) 2 to Verse 3

1. faith in you.
2. ev - er
4. born to e - ter-nal life.

2. joy.

Verse 3

3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-

3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-

3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Closing Hymn 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

The Dismissal

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Hymn to Joy

Beethoven, arr. C. Hand

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