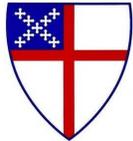


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Greeter: Judy Norwood
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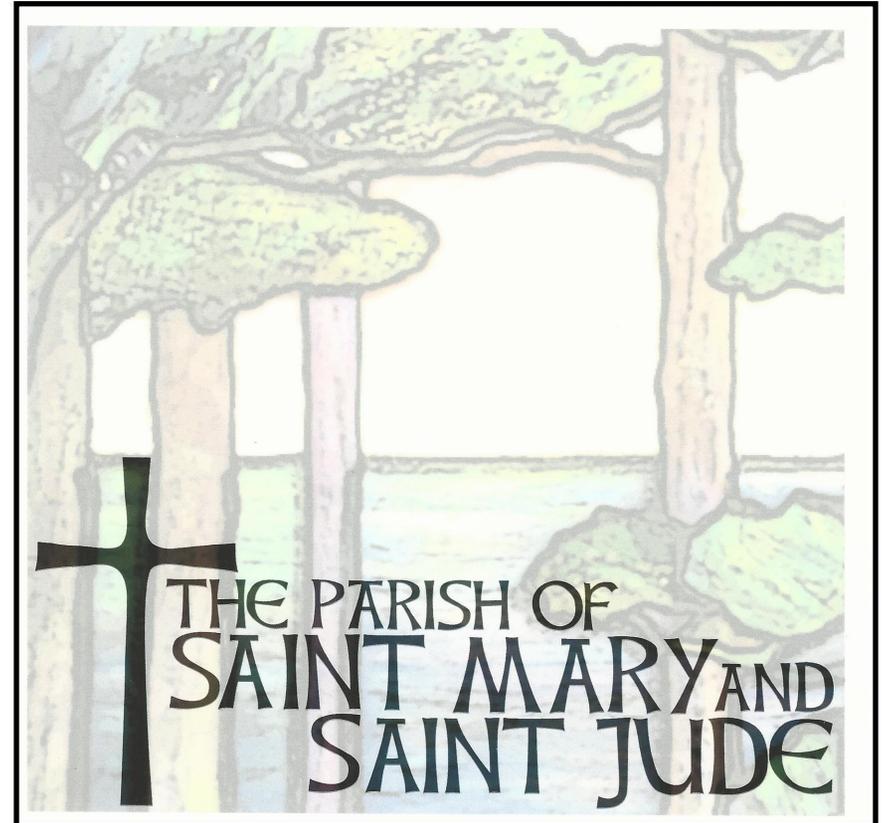


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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2019

Holy Eucharist at St. Mary's Church
10 AM

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*We are a spiritual home for all generations
engaged in the mission of God's love for the world.*

Welcome to Worship!

Draw near to God and God will draw near to you." James 4:8

Welcome to this Episcopal community of worship. No matter where you come from, or what your circumstances are, we invite you to participate fully in worship in the way you most feel comfortable. Though it is our practice to stand for hymns and to stand or kneel for prayers, please do what is most comfortable for you. Hymns are usually found in the hymnal. Page references are for the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Both texts are in the pews.

All are welcome to receive communion. These are God's gifts for all who believe in Christ and all who yearn to draw closer to him! Thank you for enriching us with your presence. May God bless you on this day!

The Invitation to Communion

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to come forward for communion. If you prefer a blessing to receiving the bread and the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. (Gluten free wafers are available, please let the celebrant know when you come to the altar rail.)

Communion Hymn "And now, O Father, mindful of the love" Hymn 337

(Please stand as able)

The Post-communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

(Please stand as able)

Closing Hymn "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

Hymn 530

The Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

The Nicene Creed *(please stand as able)*

BCP p. 358

(Please stand as able)

The Prayers of the People IV

BCP p. 388

(The people stand or kneel as able)

The Confession

BCP p. 360

Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The plates that are passed throughout the congregation are for your offering of yourself to God this day. Feel free to include money, a note, or any other symbol of your self-offering. The plates will be placed on the altar to be blessed with the bread and the wine.

Offertory Music

(Please stand as able)

Presentation Hymn: *“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”*

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus

Hymn S 130

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Prelude

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

(Please stand as able)

Hymn *“Praise to the living God!”*

Hymn 372

Salutation

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

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

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.**

The Gloria

Hymn S 280

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him

on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

BCP p. 779

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteous-

ness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as able)

Sequence Hymn "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" *Hymn 711 vs. 1*

(Please remain standing as able)

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" *Hymn 711 vs. 2*