



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

**The Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost: Proper 20**

8:00 a.m., Sunday, September 20, 2026

*Welcome to worship! In our tradition we generally stand or kneel to pray and sing, and we sit to listen. Instructions are provided in italic, but please feel free to take whatever posture is most comfortable or natural to you, and sit whenever needed.*

**Welcome**

**The Word of God**

*Please stand*

*Presider* Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

*People* God's mercy endures forever.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Remain standing or kneel*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading**

Exodus 16:2-15

*Please be seated*

*Lector* A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the

complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## **Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45**

*Lector and People*

*Remain sitting*

- 1      Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
        make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2      Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
        and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3      Glory in his holy Name; \*  
        let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4      Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
        continually seek his face.
- 5      Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
        his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6      O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
        O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37    He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
        in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38    Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
        because they were afraid of them.
- 39    He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
        and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40    They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
        and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41    He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
        so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42    For God remembered his holy word \*  
        and Abraham his servant.

- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.  
44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

*Remain sitting*

*Lector* A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

*Please stand*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you

have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*Presider*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Reverend Robin Denney

## The Nicene Creed

*Presider and People*

*Please stand*

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.

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

*Remain standing or kneel*

God of heaven and earth, we pray to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord:

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. We pray for teachers, care givers, medical workers, researchers, {especially N.}. We pray for first responders, members of the military and their families, {especially n.}. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors, and loving others as Christ loves us. God of love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ in his Kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Megan our Bishop, Robin our Rector, Don our Assistant Priest, Stephen our Rector Emeritus, our vestry and church leaders, Diana, and our friends in Christ around the world. Unite us in your truth and love. God of love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich beauty of our valley. Help us and people everywhere to share the resources of the earth in justice and peace. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations. We pray especially for Donald our President, Gavin our Governor, Scott our Mayor, and all our legislative and legal bodies. God of love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness, grief, fear, poverty, despair, loneliness or any other trouble. We pray for {especially N.}; and we pray for those with special needs {especially N.}. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them. God of love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died, {especially N.}. We rejoice in the witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your eternal Kingdom. God of love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The Presider then says*

Merciful loving God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Silence may be kept*

*Remain kneeling or standing*

*Silence may be kept*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* 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 our Savior 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 stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Please stand*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## Announcements

*Please be seated*

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

## The Holy Communion

*Please stand*

## Offertory Sentence

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A Expansive Language Version

*The People stand*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

### **Sanctus**

*The Presider and People*

*Remain standing*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

*The People remain standing or kneel*

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 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 shed 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:

*People and Presider*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Presider*

**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**

*A period of silence is kept*

*Remain kneeling or standing*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Presider:* 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.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All kneel or stand*

*People* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

*The Priest blesses the People*

*Remain kneeling or standing*

### **Dismissal**

*Presider* Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**



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