



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

**The Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

**Liturgy of the Word**

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

5:30 p.m., Saturday, September 19, 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.*

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**Welcome**

**Song**

*“Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah”*

*Please stand*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee  
I will ever give to Thee;

**The Word of God**

*Remain standing*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

**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.

## Psalm 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.

## Song

### *“Try a Little Kindness”*

*Please stand*

If you see your brother standing by the road  
With a heavy load, from the seeds he sowed  
And if you see your sister falling by the way  
Just stop and say “you’re going the wrong way”

*You’ve got to try a little kindness, show a little kindness  
Just shine your light for everyone to see  
And if you try a little kindness, you’ll overlook the blindness  
Of the narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets*

Don’t walk around the down and out  
Lend a helping hand, instead of doubt  
And the kindness that you show them every day  
Will help someone along their way

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

*Remain standing*

*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.**

## Scripture Reflection

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*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People* 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 Presider 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**

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## **Offertory Music**

*Please be seated*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1

*Please 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 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**

*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 kneel or stand*

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 prepare the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham, Sarah and Hagar 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 for the 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:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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*     **We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.**

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

## Invitation to Communion

*Remain kneeling or standing*

*Presider* This is the table of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love God  
and for those who want to love God more.  
So come,  
you who have much faith  
and you who have little;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been here long;  
you who have tried to follow  
and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
Come, and meet God here.

*Please alert the usher if you would like communion brought to you in your pew*

## Song

*“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

*Please be seated*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
  
To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy  
  
Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy I want to see You.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.  
*People* Loving God,  
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people,  
forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

*Please kneel or stand*

## The Blessing

*The Priest blesses the People*

*Remain kneeling or standing*

## Closing Song

*“Amazing Grace”*

*Please stand*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see.

I've got a peaceful, easy feeling, and I know God won't let me down,  
'Cause I'm already stand-ing, on holy ground.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace ap-pear, the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;  
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.

## Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

### Scheduled Services at St. Mary's

#### Sundays

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist In-person Only

10:00 a.m.—In-person & Online Family Eucharist with Organ and Choir

#### Weekdays

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.—Quiet Service (30 minutes in the Sanctuary)

#### Saturdays

5:30 p.m.—In-person & Online Eucharist with Contemporary Music

### **ST. MARY'S MINISTRIES - YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

*“What we do inside and outside our church community shows LOVE and RESPECT to every human being.”*

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How do we manage our affairs as a community of faith?

Are you longing for some joyful connections with others?

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St. Mary's Choir

Ushers

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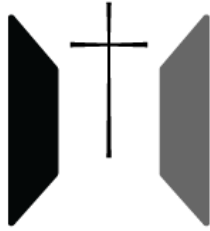
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