

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis of Assisi

4 October 2020

Middleham and St. Peter's Parish. P. O. Box 277, Lusby, MD 20657

This service will be live streamed at 8:30 a.m. Parishioners are invited to attend in person at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. The services will be in the Parish Hall. If you wish to attend the service in person, you must call the office, 410-326-4948, to make a reservation as seating is limited so that we can maintain social distancing.



Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Clergy Welcome

Opening Hymn



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

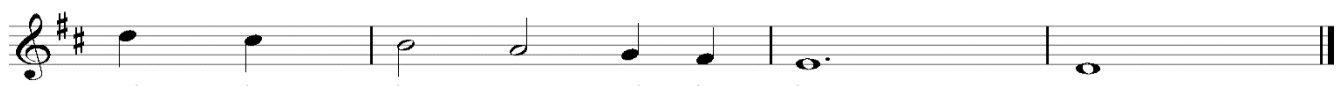


1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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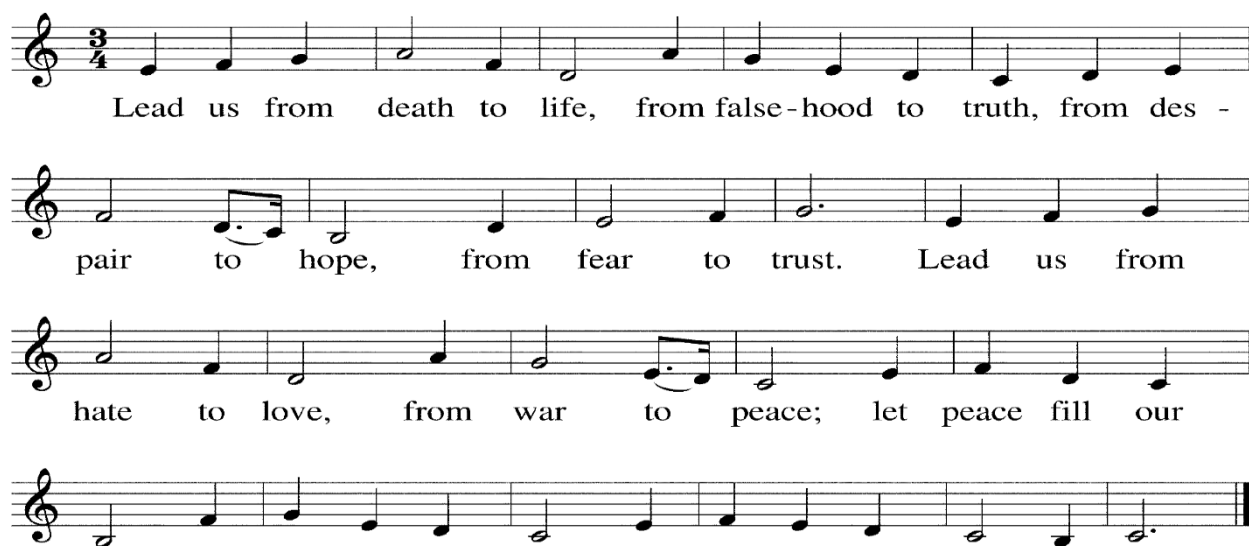
Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity (*Unison*)

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.

Praise Hymn



The text for this refrain is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting was composed by Marty Haugen, composer in residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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The Collect of the Day

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Jeremiah (Jeremiah 22:13-16)

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbors work for nothing, and does not give them their wages; who says, “I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms”, and who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar, and painting it with vermillion.

Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? says the Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:7-14

- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9 Mountains and all hills, *
 fruit trees and all cedars;
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
 creeping things and winged birds;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
 princes and all rulers of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, *
 old and young together.
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
 for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians (Galatians 6:14 -18)

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule – peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.

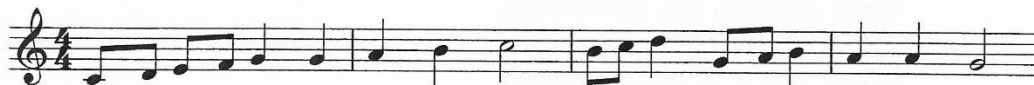
Response **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

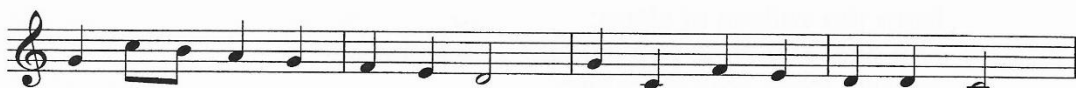
Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air

Joachim Neander and Johann Freylinghausen

Tune: Gott Sei Dank.
Freylinghausen's Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704



1. Hea - ven and earth, and sea and air, all their Mak - kers praise de - clare.
2. See at dawn, the ris - ing sun, show the won - ders God has done!
3. Look a - round this earth - ly ball, God has rich - ly dressed it all,
4. Wa - ters surge and wind-storms blow, thun - der, light - ning, hail and snow:
5. All these things with cu - rious force, find them drawn to praise their source:



Wake my soul, a - wake and sing, wiht cre - a - tion prais - es bring!
Moon and stars with sil - very light praise God through the si - lent night.
Ur - ban lights and can - yon deep, for - ests, fields, fields, with cows and sheep.
Through their fren - sy, e - ven these, God would praise and God would please.
Wake, my soul, a - wake and sing, to your Mak - er prais - es bring.

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The Gospel

Reader **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew** (Matthew 11:25-30)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed (*Unison*)

**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.**

The Prayers of the People *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *A period of silence is held.*

For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Eugene and Robert, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this gathering. We pray especially for all who have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The People are invited to voice their own petitions for those who are ill, in need, or have special concerns.

Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray in thanksgiving for all those who are putting their lives at risk to care for the sick and provide essential services during the pandemic.

The People are invited to voice their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *The People are invited to voice prayers for the dead.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Confession

Presider We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A period of silence is held.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider 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. **Amen.**

The Peace *Following the ancient custom we greet one another with signs of peace first saying*

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Offertory Hymn

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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RiteSong

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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

RiteSong

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(Unison – Said if service is live-streamed)*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament

of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer *(Unison)*

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
 We are fed by your love;
 We are strengthened by your life.
 We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.
 We are now commissioned to:
 Feed as we have been fed,
 Forgive as we have been forgiven,
 Love as we have been loved.
 Thanks be to God. Amen.

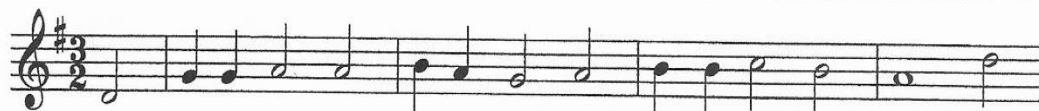
Benediction/Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

O for a Thousand Trees to Sing

Tune AZMON arr. Lowell Mason, 1839



1.O for a thou-sand trees to sing and join with us this day, With
 2.Come ce-le-brate with all the land, let spe-cies rare be-gin, With
 3.How can we hear cre-a-tion groan, The Out-back cry in pain? With
 4.Let ev'-ry stream and ri-ver flow In song to-ward the sea; With
 5.O for a thou-sand trees to sing and join with us this day, With

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ferns and frogs and but-ter-flies: A__ for-est hymn of praise.
 geese and owls and coc-a-too; A__ choir of con-try kin.
 des-ert dra-gons we re-joice When earth is born a-gain.
 whale, and seal and al-ba-tross We__ thank God we are free!
 ferns and frogs and but-ter-flies: A__ for-est hymn of praise.

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Dismissal

Leader Go in Peace to Love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant	Father Beall
Lay Reader	Julie Fuller (8:30) Anne Hayes (11:00)
Altar Guild	Diane Davies & Anne Gross
Pianist	Beth Lanier
AV Crew	Jim Yoe Jimmy Yoe & Lochlan Weems

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Mark Pesola	Karen Wilson

SAFETY RULES FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

- 1. Masks are required to be worn by everyone at all times.**
- 2. There will be ushers directing seating. Please do not move the chairs.**
- 3. Singing will be limited ONLY to Beth Lanier at the keyboard.**
- 4. Communion (wafers only administered by tongs) will be offered as directed by ushers.**
- 5. No coffee hour / food / drink will be offered.**
- 6. Bathrooms will be available upon request but must be sanitized by user with cleaning supplies provided prior to exiting.**
- 7. A paper and online Service Bulletin will be available.**
- 8. Non-contact temperature taking measures will be administered to onsite participants upon entering.**
- 9. When the service is over please exit the building immediately as directed by the ushers.**
- 10. Fellowship / small group gathering will be at the discretion of participants maintaining social distancing outside after the service.**
- 11. PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE VENTURING OUT JUST YET (online services are still available, and the 8:30 am service will continue to be live-streamed) OR ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE SICK.**

Please note : Each week prior to Sunday you will need to call the office – 410-326-4948 to make a reservation to attend either the 8:30 am or the 11:00 am service. This will allow us to prepare the space with chairs set up at a safe distance and determine who and how many will be attending each service. We will limit the attendance to 35 people for each service at this time. (The space will be sanitized between services).