

# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Sunday, October 1, 2023*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



## Binghamton's First Church

***Explore your faith, connect in community, serve others***

*Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.*

*The Vestry Greeter and Ushers are available to orient you to the building and assist you; please let them know what you need.*

*We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Great Hall following the service.*

*Receiving communion is an act of deep reverence and joy; we ask that pets not be brought to the altar rail. Please let the usher know that you would like to receive communion, and it will be brought to you at your seat.*

# GATHERING

Welcome

Voluntary

*Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn*

Opening Hymn 435

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

The Opening Acclamation

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.

Canticle 13: A Song of Praise

S236

1.Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are  
 3.Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the  
 5.Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the

wor - thy of praise; glo-ry to you. 2.Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance  
 throne of your majesty, glo-ry to you. 4.Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the  
 high vault of heaven, glo-ry to you. 6.Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and

of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
 Cher - u - bim;  
 Ho - ly Spi-rit;

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The congregation may be seated*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## A Reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Exodus 17:1-7*

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

James Webster Meachen



1 Hear my teaching, O my **people**; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my **mouth**.

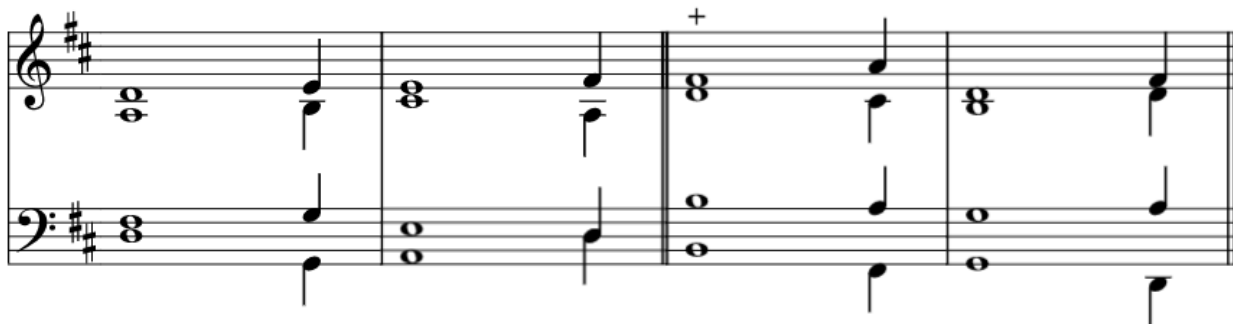
2 I will open my mouth in a **parable**; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient **times**.

3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have **told us**, \*  
we will not hide from their **children**.

4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the **Lord**, \*  
and the wonderful works he has **done**.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their fore**fathers**, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of **Zoan**.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass **through**; \*  
he made the waters stand up like **walls**.



14 He led them with a cloud by **day**, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of **fire**.

15 He split the hard rocks in the **wilderness** \*  
and gave them drink as from the great **deep**.

+16 He brought streams out of the **cliff**, \*  
and the waters gushed out like **rivers**.

### A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Philippians 2:1-13*

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn 477**

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

*Engelberg*

### The Gospel

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do

not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Matthew 21:23-32*

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

*Please be seated after the Gospel book has been placed on the altar*

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Katrina Grusell

## **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: 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**

*NZP*

*The congregation responds with the emboldened words following each petition.*

*Leader* In peace, let us pray to God saying, "God, hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; DeDe, our bishop; for the clergy of Christ Church, Mother Katrina, Father Jim, and Deacon Kay; and for all clergy and people, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the city of Binghamton, and for every city and community, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and refugees, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and poverty, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Thomas and Pauline Bowlby, Trish Nguyen, and for all the departed, let us pray to God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

In union with all the saints we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

**God, hear our prayer.**

You are welcome at this time to offer your own prayers either silently or aloud.

*Celebrant*

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who gather in your name; fulfill now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. *Amen.*

## **The Confession**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.*

## **Absolution**

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

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion; those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the clergy know. If you need to receive communion seated in the pew, due to mobility or dog, please let the ushers know.*

### Offertory

Wondrous Love

*Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

*Alexander Means (1801-1883)*

*The congregation stands*

### Presentation Hymn 300

Glory, love, and praise, and honor

*Benifold*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*Leader*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Leader*      Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

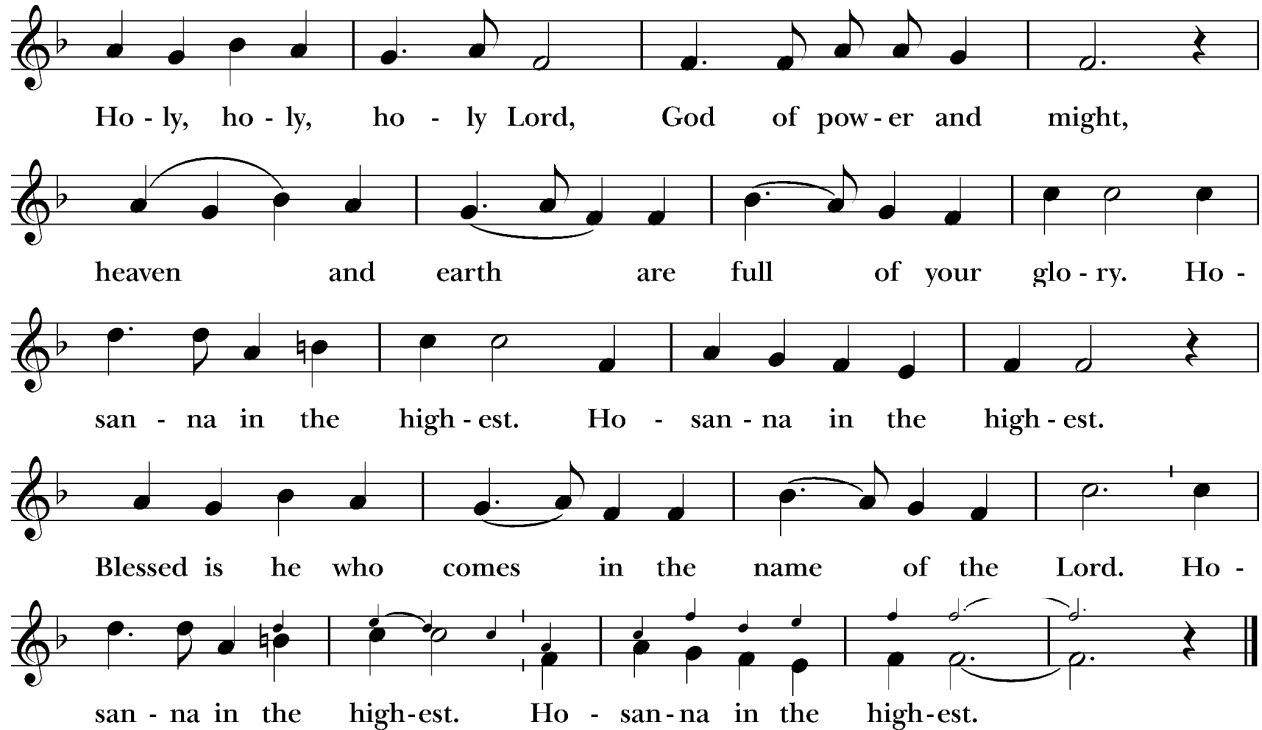
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

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*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**



*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

### Fraction Anthem

S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Anthem**

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

*Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)*

Seek ye first the kingdom of GOD and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Alleluia!  
 Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;  
 Alleluia! (*Matthew 6:33, 7:7*)

**Post Communion Prayer***The congregation stands**Celebrant* Let us pray,*Celebrant and People*

God of abundance,  
 you have fed us  
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
 you have united us  
 with Christ and one another;  
 and you have made us one  
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
 Now send us forth  
 in the power of your Spirit,  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**The Blessing**

The Lord Bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,  
 Grace to risk something big for something good,  
 Grace to remember that the world is now  
 too dangerous for anything but truth,  
 and too small for anything but love.  
 May God take your minds and think through them;  
 May God take your lips and speak through them;  
 take your hands and work through them.  
 And May God take your hearts and set them on fire.  
 Be blessed now and bless others with love. Amen.

**Sending Forth****Processional Hymn 686**

Come, thou fount of every blessing

*Nettleton***Dismissal****Voluntary**

Canzonetta in G Major, BuxWV 171

*Dietrich Buxtehude  
(c.1637-1707)*


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*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Susan MacLennan and Scott Bowlby, in loving  
 memory of their parents, Thomas and Pauline Bowlby.*