

# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Sunday, October 8, 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 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

The Opening Acclamation

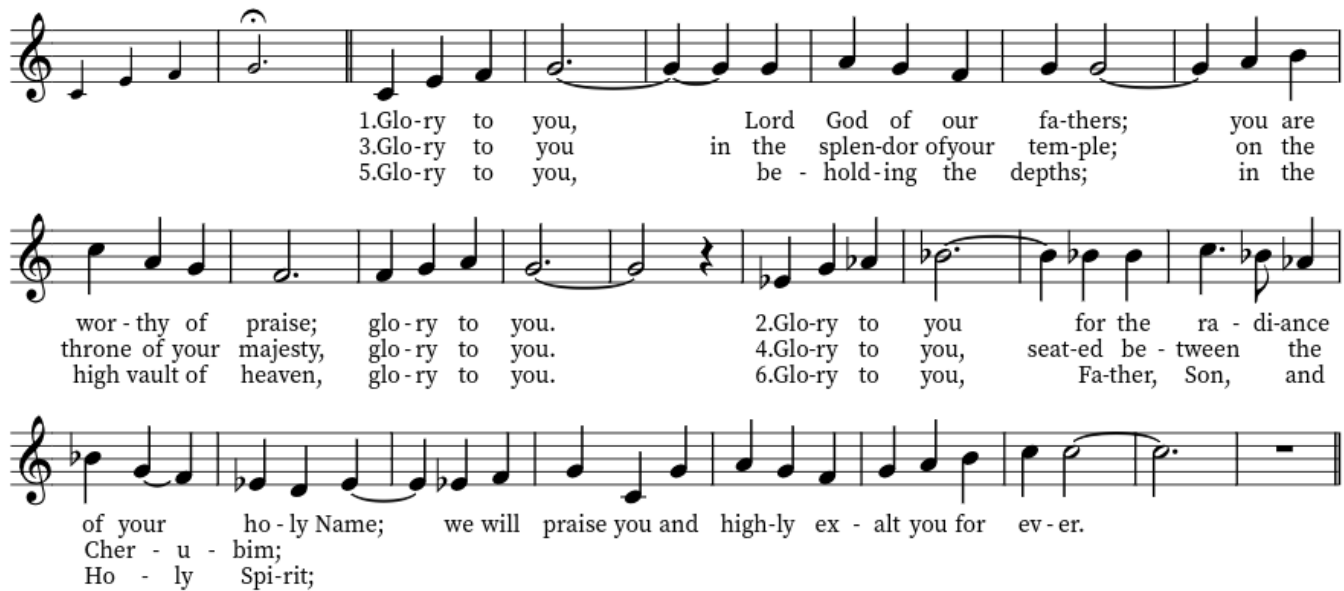
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

*Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

*Reader*            **The Word of the Lord.**

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

**Psalm 19**, *sung as Hymn 431*

"The stars declare his glory"

*Aldine*

### A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

*Reader*            *The Word of the Lord.*

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

**Sequence Hymn 458**, vv. 1-3,

My song is love unknown

*Love Unknown*

## The Gospel

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*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

NZPB

*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 Wilbur and Lucretia Vermilya, 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

Father, We Praise You

*Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)*

Father, we praise You, now the night is over; Active and watchful, stand we all before Thee; Singing, we offer, prayer and meditation; Thus we adore Thee. Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions; Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending; Bring us to Heaven, where Thy saints united Joy without ending. All holy Father, Son and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us Thy salvation; Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation. —*attr. Pope Gregory I*

*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*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

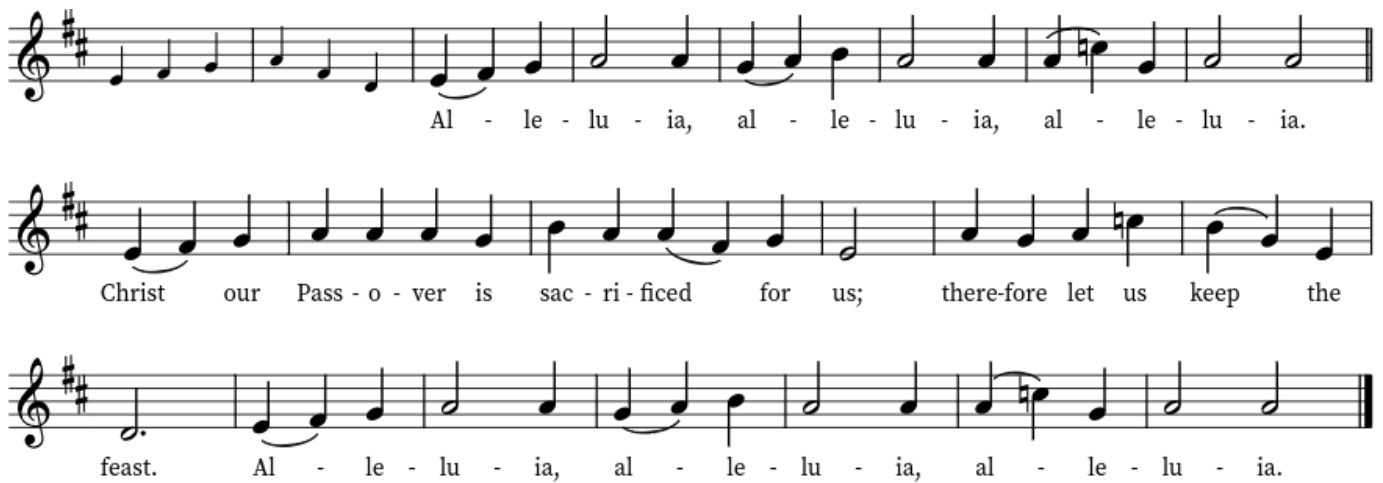
*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



## Fraction Anthem

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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.

## Communion Anthem

When From Bondage We Are Summoned

Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

When from bondage we are summoned out of darkness into light, we must go in hope and patience walk by faith and not by sight. Let us throw off all that hinders; let us run the race to win! Let us hasten to our homeland and, rejoicing, enter in. —*Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)*

## 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 598**      Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth      *Mit Freuden Zart*

**Dismissal**

**Voluntary**      Sonata in C minor, Op. 65, No. 2: Allegro maestoso e vivace      *Felix Mendelssohn*  
*(1809-1847)*

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*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Susan Vermilya Allen in loving memory of her parents, Wilbur and Lucretia Vermilya. Susan is now living in Florida.*