

**Those serving today**

Mike Harber  
 Laura Williams & Barbara Trogdon  
 Elizabeth Harber  
 Lee Borden  
 Elizabeth Harber

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Officiant  
 Ushers/Stewards  
 Altar Guild  
 Lay Reader  
 Refreshments

**Those serving on October 7th**

Mike Rallo & Dana Barlow  
 Betty Weldon  
 Kathie Haynie  
 Kay Dickey  
 Laura Williams

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ushers/Stewards  
 Altar Guild  
 Lay Reader  
 Lay Eucharistic Minister  
 Refreshments

**Those serving on October 14th**

Pam & Eddie Harper  
 Cathy Jones  
 Betty Weldon  
 Lee Borden  
 Amanda & Lee Borden

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Ushers/Stewards  
 Altar Guild  
 Lay Reader  
 Lay Eucharistic Minister  
 Refreshments

**Those serving on October 21st**

Laura Williams & Barbara Trogdon  
 Pam Van Etten  
 Player to be named later  
 Maurice McCord  
 Kay Dickey  
 Mike Rallo & Mike Harber

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Ushers/Stewards  
 Altar Guild  
 Lay Reader  
 Lay Eucharistic Minister  
 Refreshments  
 Beans & Rice Shoppers

**Those serving on October 28th**

Lavonne Hart & Jimmy Weldon  
 Elizabeth Harber  
 Lulu Campbell  
 Jere Van Etten  
 Elizabeth Harber

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

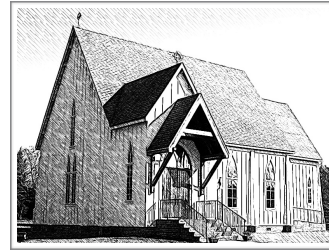
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**Morning Prayer: Rite II**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 30, 2018**

*"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." (Habakkuk 2:20)*

**Processional** - *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*

**Hymn 574**

*The Officiant begins the service from the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 78 with this sentence of scripture:*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ *Phillipians 1:2*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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 your Son 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 Officiant remains kneeling and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Book of Common Prayer - 80

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Officiant and People continue standing and say together the Venite*

**Venite** *Psalms 95:1-7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

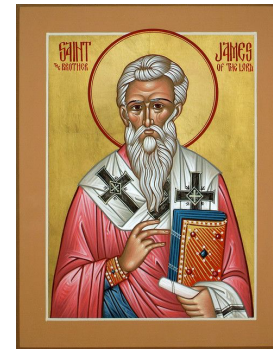
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The Book of Esther** - In the Hebrew bible, Esther comes last of the five rolls which are read at the great festivals of the Jewish year. It is the roll for Purim, a secular feast celebrating deliverance from a subtly planned anti-Semitic pogrom. Its reception into Scripture was long disputed by the Rabbis, as it contains no reference to the most precious things in Jewish religion and does not even mention the name of God.



**The Letter of James** - The Letter of James is a sermon in the form of a letter. Authorship and date are unknown. The tradition that the letter was written by James, the brother of Jesus, has little historic support. Its writing style suggests a Greek Christian author writing toward the end of the first century. The author is concerned with reminding Christians how they should live and is a remarkably pure specimen of the ethical teaching found in the Sermon on the Mount.

**The Gospel of Mark** - Thought to have been the first written of the Gospels. It is largely a collection of narratives depicting Jesus as in constant action. (The word “immediately” is used approximately forty times in just 16 chapters.) This Gospel records fewer words of Jesus than any other Gospel. Christian tradition ascribes authorship to John Mark who is said to have written it as a summary of Peter’s preaching in Rome. It dates from sometime prior to 70 A.D.



## PRAYERS

**In our parish** we pray for those who are sick or recovering from illness, including Jere Van Etten, Jean Kerr, Greg Dubay, Barbara Trogdon, Hugh Thompson, Nichole Peacock, and Chris Barlow.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose; Hand-in-Paw and all animal assisted ministries; and St. Francis of Assisi, Indian Springs, St. Francis Chapel, Camp McDowell, St. Francis Chapel, The Abbey.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda, The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala.

**For our search committee:** Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.*

*Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

*A prayer attributed to St. Francis*

*The congregation may be seated. We will read the psalm responsively by the half verse.*

### **Psalm 124** *Nisi quia Dominus*

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
**let Israel now say;**

2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
**when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
**in their fierce anger toward us;**

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
**and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters \*  
**have gone right over us.**

6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

A reading from the Book of Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I

would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the singing of the canticle*

### Canticle 13 *Benedictus es, Domine*

**Hymn S-236**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

*The congregation may be seated.*

### The General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer - 101

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one  
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you  
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two  
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions  
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of  
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Officiant standing alone then says*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or  
imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All stand and sing the following hymn*

**Recessional - I Saw the Light**

**Alleluia III 88**

Officiant    Let us bless the Lord.  
People      **Thanks be to God.**

## Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collects

*The Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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.**

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for this Parish*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Officiant then says*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Epistle Lesson

A reading from the Letter of James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand for the singing of the canticle*

## Canticle 9 *Ecce, Deus*

**Halleluia III 161**

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

The Gospel Lesson

*In the liturgy of Morning Prayer, the Gospel lesson is read as a third lesson from the lectern, without procession, as the congregation is seated.*

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Homily

The Apostles' Creed Book of Common Prayer - 96

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Officiant says the following, after which the People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**

The Prayers

Book of Common Prayer - 97

*The People stand or kneel*

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

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**