

# THE FALLS CHURCH

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*A welcoming community called to be an enduring  
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Sunday, October 11, 2020

#### A Service of the Word and Spiritual Communion

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

*Christ whose glory*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Ratisbon, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870);  
harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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

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.**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

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

*Celebrant* : Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle

Philippians 4:1-9  
*Read by Erin Cline*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *Confitemini Domino, Et fecerunt vitulum*

*Read by Kate Anderson*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice \*  
and always do what is right!

- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect  
and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson, Interim Rector

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 Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you Lord God.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

*The prayer needs from our Parish Prayer List are now offered:*

We pray for healing in mind, body and spirit for Tom Dzedzic and John Miles

Carl Close, Martha Close, Hewitt Ebert, Elijah Ezeh, Michael Gardner, Chris Thayer

Michael Cordes, Alek Erickson, Torey Fay, Sandy Haslam, Marjory Katon, Rita Kettler, The Rev'd Charles T. Mason, Patricia Mattis, Denise Rohed-Trout, Kareena Shakoor, Claire Sloyan, Karen Vaughan, Chris Wray, Mike & Steve Zenker, for those serving on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic, and for any others on your hearts and minds today (*pause*)

In this time of national discernment, may we remember that you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Guide us by your Spirit as we exercise the responsibilities of our liberty in the upcoming election.

We give thanks for the baptism today of Leo Jack Rhyne, son of Joseph and Carly Rhyne.

We remember those who have died, Rae Ann Briese, any others you wish to name (*pause*) and that we may share with them and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We ask all this believing that you are the Spirit who is with us now and hears all our prayers. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

*Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Leader and People*

**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.**

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

The Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Stewardship Reflection

Offertory

*Lift me up*

Written and Sung by Larry Rice

Lift me up, oh Lord  
I've been down, oh Lord  
You know I need you as my guide  
Lift me up, oh Lord  
Give me strength, oh Lord  
So that one day, I'll be by your side

I have felt the grace of prayer  
When I'm alone I know you're there  
Faith and friends and family stay with me  
An hour, a day, at a time  
Out of sorrow I will climb  
And again I will sing to thee

The pain and struggles of this earth  
Less a burden with your birth  
Still sometimes it seems so hard each day  
Anxious worry fills my mind  
Could you Lord, be so kind  
Help me Lord, hear me as I pray

*During the offertory anthem you are invited to make a gift to God's mission at the Falls Church Episcopal through Realm, on the website, or by Texting TFCE at 7325*

Spiritual Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

*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 him 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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;**

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.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, 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.**

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless  
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

### Postcommunion Prayer

Loving God,  
 We give you thanks  
 For restoring us in your image  
 And nourishing us with spiritual food.  
 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.

### Blessing

#### Dismissal

*Priest*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and  
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of  
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye  
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar -  
\*6 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall  
\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and



1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the  
2 earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true  
3 loud; while an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like  
4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in  
5 ray, as war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till  
6 rest; the pil - grims find their Fa - ther's house, Je -  
7 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the

*Refrain*



1 cross of Christ your King.  
2 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
3 wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
4 glad - ness and in woe. Ho - san - na, ho -  
5 dawns the gold - en day.  
6 ru - sa - lem the blest.  
7 cross of Christ your King.



san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Music: *Vineyard Haven*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

SM with Refrain

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Who are the ministers of this church?  
“The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.”  
*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 855*

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