

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
The Episcopal Church of the Advent  
Kennett Square, PA  
September 29, 2024 10:30 a.m.



**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

(Our liturgy today is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*.)

**PRELUDE**            *Piano Meditation on "Spirit Divine, attend our prayers"*

**OPENING HYMN**        #509 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)  
*Spirit Divine, attend our prayers*

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

*People*            **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. ”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 19:7-14**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 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.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel.)

### GOSPEL ALLELUIA (sing 3 times)



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### THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

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

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA (*sing 1 time*)



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HOMILY

Mr. Leon Spencer

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Please kneel or remain seated for the prayers and confession.)*

### THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**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 PEACE** *(Please stand as you are able for the Peace.)*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

### WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*O How Amiable*  
Advent Chancel Choir

*Vaughn Williams*

**DOXOLOGY** *(Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.)*

*Hymn tune from # 380, v. 3 in the Hymnal 1982 – blue hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below! Praise him above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(Eucharistic Prayer C from The Book of Common Prayer)*

*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, and to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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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*(You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our mothers and fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, and Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

<b>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,</b>	<b>as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.</b>
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*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**COMMUNION HYMN** #609 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)  
*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*



**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WE RETURN TO THE WORLD**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**            #344 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)  
*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**                    *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*            Michael Burkhardt

*The flowers on the altar this morning were gifted to the church by the family of Archer “Sonny” Owens following his memorial service this past Thursday.*

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Judith Greene +

*Preacher:* Leon Spencer

*Lector:* Dick Sanford

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Deb Peterson, Dick Sanford

*Sub Deacon:* Pete Peterson

*Usher:* Damon Sinclair, Judy Mason

*Director of Music:* Wilson G. Somers

*Guest Organist:* Bill Robinson

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## **Suggested Spiritual Practice for the Fall: A Colloquy**

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, St. Ignatius of Loyola taught his students a form of prayer that he referred to as a colloquy (or “conversation”). His intention in teaching this approach to prayer was to encourage his students to embrace prayer as a conversation. Prayer does not require us to use the language of the Prayer Book or any formal language; rather, prayer is at its heart a simple conversation with God. A colloquy utilizes our imagination as a resource for prayer.

To use this form of prayer:

1. Place your body in a comfortable position, close your eyes, and begin to relax your body and quiet your thoughts. If it is helpful, slowly repeat a word such as “peace” to calm your thoughts.
2. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time of prayer.
3. Imagine that you are seated in a familiar place where you would normally talk with a friend, such as your living room, kitchen table, porch, etc.
4. Imagine Jesus joins you in that familiar place and sits with you.
5. While you are imagining Jesus is sitting with you, share with Jesus what is on your heart and in your mind, and imagine that Jesus is looking at you attentively and with love. It is also appropriate to imagine you are sitting with Jesus in silence.
6. When you are ready to bring your prayer to an end, thank Jesus for joining you in your time of prayer.