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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



St. Michael's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.



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The Word of God

* Processional Song

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal # 390

* Opening Sentence & Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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.**

* Gloria

"Glory to You"

Martin / Swaney



Refrain: Glo-ry to You, glo-ry to You. You are an awe-some



God. _____

1. You are Fa - ther,
2. You are Jes - us Christ,
3. You are Ho - ly blessed



Cre - a - tor God, Mak - er of _____ heav - en and
God's on - ly Son. You take a - way all the
Spi - rit of God. Ad - vo - cate, coun - se - lor,



Mak - er of _ earth. We wor - ship You, we give You
 sin of the world. Mer - ci - ful One, You are the
 heal - er and friend. Come fill this place. Come fill our



thanks, we praise You.
 Lord. Hear our prayer.
 hearts. We are yours. **to Refrain**

*** Collect of the Day**

Proper 19

Celebrant The LORD be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a

vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Lesson

James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

* Sequence

"Jesus, We Enthroned You"

Kyle

Je - sus, we en- throne You, we pro - claim You, our
King; Stand - ing here, in the midst of us. we raise You up with our
praise. and as we wor - ship, build a throne,
and as we wor - ship, build a throne; And as we wor - ship,
build a throne, come, Lord Je - sus, and take Your place.

* Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ, according to Mark

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into

human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the LORD

People **Praise to you, LORD Christ.**

Sermon

“Don’t Ask”

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

* **The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

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**

Form III, BCP p. 387

Intercessor: God of love, we pray for your holy universal Church;

People: 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.

[Silence – The people may add their own petitions]

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.*

Daughters of the King®

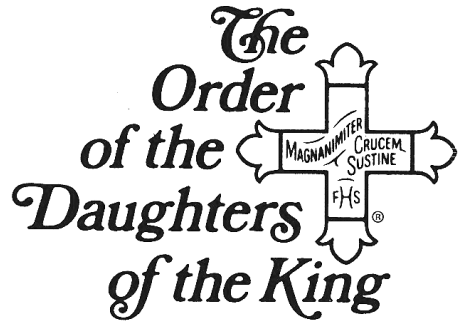
Service of Admission for Heather Rhoads

Presider It is our privilege to present Heather Rhoads as a candidate for membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

Clergy We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this congregation to admit these women into The Order of the Daughters of the King®. We commend them to your earnest prayers that they may have grace to fulfill the obligations of the Order and that their labors may be to the glory of God and to the welfare of all His people. *[Addressing the candidate]* The Daughters of the King is an Order for women whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls, through prayer, service and evangelism. Do you desire to become a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King®?

Candidate I do.

Clergy Do you promise to obey faithfully the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer your support to the clergy for the good of the parish and the extension of Christ's kingdom? To wear



faithfully the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

Candidate I do, with God's help.

Clergy In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit I receive and admit you as members of The Order of the Daughters of the King®. *[Addressing the congregation]* Will you support Heather in her ministry of prayer and service?

Congregation We will.

Clergy Bless, O Lord, this cross and grant to your servant now admitted into this Order such an abundance of your grace that she may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings. Amen. *[Addressing the candidate]* Accept and wear faithfully the cross of the Order, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Take up your cross and follow me."

New Member Almighty God, help me to pray so faithfully that I may draw near to you and learn your will. Help me to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide me each day, that all I think, do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. I ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross I wear, my King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All Daughters O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your

fold. Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Clergy May your love, O Lord, help the Daughters live lives of love, and may your holiness lead them to be examples of virtue, that they, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may pray and serve you all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Daughter(s) The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory *“Lord of All Hopefulness”* Hymnal # 482

* **The Presentation** *“Doxology”* Hymnal # 380 v.3

* **The Great Thanksgiving** **Eucharistic Prayer B**

Celebrant The LORD be with you. *“Sursum Corda”* Hymnal # S-120

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

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**

“Holy Holy Holy Lord”

Hymnal # S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n 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.

Celebrant: 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,

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

Celebrant: 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 Saint Michael the archangel and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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 Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Celebrant As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

* Fraction Anthem *"Let Us Be Bread"*

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared,
life for the world. Let us be wine, love free - ly poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

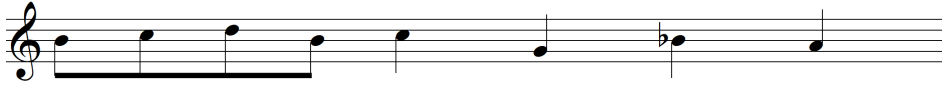
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn *"We Are Not Our Own"*

1. We are not our own. Earth forms us,
2. We are not a - lone. Earth names us:
3. Through a hu - man life God finds us;
4. There - fore let us make thanks - giv - ing,
5. And if love's en - count - ers lead us
6. Let us be a house of wel - come,



hu - man leaves on na - ture's grow - ing vine,
 past and pre - sent, peo - ples near and far,
 dy - ing, liv - ing, love is ful - ly known,
 and with jus - tice, wil - ing and a - ware,
 on a way un - cer - tain and un - known,
 liv - ing stone up - hold - ing liv - ing stone,



Fruit of man - y gen - er - a - tions,
 fam - i - ly and friends and strang - ers
 and in bread and wine re - minds us:
 give to earth, and all things liv - ing,
 All the saints with prayer sur - round us;
 glad - ly show - ing all our neigh - bors



seeds of life di - vine.
 show us who we are.
 we are not a - lone.
 lit - ur - gies of care.
 we are not a - lone.
 we are not our own.

*** Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing**

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All: 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.

*** Closing Song**

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymnal # 473

*** Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!