EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 4, 2020
9:30 AM

215 BOULEVARD
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THE REV. MICHAEL MULLER, RECTOR
The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tim & Kathy Berrios in memory of their fathers Sam Alessio and Robert Berrios; and by Stephen & Cynthia Shaw in loving memory of Stephen's mother Anita Shaw.

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Michael Muller
Organist/Music Director: Sal Lagattuta
Ushers: Fred & Deborah Osborne
Lay Reader: Jim Ferguson
Hymn Leader/Soloist: Emely Stratton, Alto

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The Wardens and Vestry

Betsy Myatt, Senior Warden; Steve Emr, Junior Warden.

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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Word of God

Prelude: “Prelude in F”

J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn: “Jesus shall reign” vs 1&2

Hymn #544

Opening Acclamation

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

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
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.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: “O Jesus I have promised”  Hymn #655

Gospel Announcement

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People: “Glory to you, Lord Christ.”

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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.

Response after the Gospel  “Praise to you, Lord Christ.”

Sermon The Rev. Michael Muller

Prayers of the People  The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: The ways of God revive the soul, give wisdom to the innocent, and enlighten those of little faith. In thanksgiving we offer our prayers, responding “Lord, hear our prayer.”

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For a heart of abundant generosity, that we may give for all God has given to us, and share these gifts with all who stand in need, especially the poor and those who live with anxiety and despair; let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For peace throughout the world, beginning within our hearts and families, revealed through our reliance on God’s word to lead us into a stable global community; remembering especially today Christopher Rogers who serves the cause of peace, and health care workers Tim O’Donnell, Moriah Anderson, Eva Emr and Sam Caruthers; Let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.


Leader: That the faithfully departed may rest in peace, and those whose faith remains unknown may receive God’s mercy; remembering especially today Carlisle Trost, father of Laura Lee Carrico: let us pray.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: In the knowledge of the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ we continue our prayers for our Church community and in particular today Robert & Betsy Foth and Toby & Barb: for those celebrating birthdays this week: Lisa Hannan, Michael Cronin and Robby Caruthers; and for our Mozambican friends Eugénio, Alberto & António. Let us pray.

People: Lord hear our prayer.
Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers or your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (Silence may be kept)

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo: “He Shall Feed his Flock” G. F. Handel

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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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

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: “Let Us Break Bread Together” from Worship & Rejoice

1 Let us break bread to-geth-er on our knees; let us break
2 Let us drink wine to-geth-er on our knees; let us drink
3 Let us praise God to-geth-er on our knees; let us praise

bread to-geth-er on our knees.
wine to-geth-er on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my
God to-geth-er on our knees.

face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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Celebrant and People

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: “Father, we thank thee” Hymn #302

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho-ly Name with -
2 Watch o’er thy Church, O Lord, in mer-cy, save it from e-vil,
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im-mor-tal Je-sus thy

Son to us im-parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un-to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill-sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv-ing in Christ the

was in this bro-ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e-ter-nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be-gath-ered in-to thy king-dom by thy Son.
Dismissal  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People     Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Prelude in G”     F. Mendelssohn