

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**18th Sunday After Pentecost**

# WELCOME

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!*

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

### OPENING WORSHIP SONG

#### ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**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.**

### WORSHIP SONG

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

## READING OF THE WORD

### JAMES 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup> Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 19:7-14

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
**the testimony of the Lord is sure**  
**and gives wisdom to the innocent.**



**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**A LOVING COMMUNITY, INSPIRING OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST**

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever;  
**the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
**sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends?  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> 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.**

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## GOSPEL SONG

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

### MARK 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> 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.

<sup>42</sup> "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. <sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>47</sup> 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, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup> "For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> 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."

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

## SERMON

### 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**

*You are encouraged to come forward for prayers, confession, and/or anointing if you desire. Or you may remain in your seat and pray for your needs and the needs of others.*

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. – Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. – John 3:16

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. – 1 John 2:1-2

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of 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.**

## **SHARING PEACE**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY**

### **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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:

**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.**

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. 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 SONG

### CLOSING 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.

### BLESSING

### CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## THE WEEK AHEAD SEPTEMBER 26—OCTOBER 2

<b>SUN 26</b>	Holy Eucharist   10:00 am   In Person & Online Coffee Hour   11:45 am   Fulton Hall
<b>WED 27</b>	Morning Prayer   10:00 am   In Person & Online Bible Study   1:00 pm   Office Lobby & Zoom
<b>THU 28</b>	Yard Crew   8:00 am Reunion Group – Cursillo   5:30 pm Zoom Video Call
<b>FRI 29</b>	Group Prayer   10:00 am   Conference Call
<b>SAT 2</b>	Man Up   8:00 am   In Person Night of Worship, Healing Prayer & Praise Night   6:00 pm   In Person & Online

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR  
11:45 AM | FULTON HALL**

**THANK YOU ALL  
WHO HELPED AT THE  
WORK DAY ON SATURDAY**



## BLESSING OF THE PETS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 10:00 AM

We know your pets are an extension of your family, and we want you to bring them with you as we count our blessings for them.



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**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## THE CHURCH IN PRAYER

### PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

*If you have a prayer to be added to this list or you would like to be added to our email prayer chain, call the office or email [prayers@chsosprey.com](mailto:prayers@chsosprey.com).*

- Healing, comfort, and strength for Joe.
  - Freedom from a peanut allergy for Tobias. Strength and protection for him as he is treated.
  - God's wisdom for state and federal officials working the US-Mexico border.
  - Care, direction, and provision for refugees.
  - Justice, hope, and light of God upon Haiti.
  - Protection, peace, and provision for Christians in Afghanistan.
  - Encouragement of faith for students feeling challenged by their studies in college.
  - Reconciliation between Ali and Alex.
  - Healing for people struggling with confusion of identity and purpose.
  - Recommitment and increased devotion to Jesus.
- Guidance and direction for Trish. Salvation for family members.
  - Comfort for Gail over the loss of her husband, and for Ron who lost his mom.
  - Empowerment to obey and act in service to God personally and communally.
  - For people to return to work.
  - Wisdom, strength and protection for firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and all first responders in service to their communities.
  - Support and well-being for veterans. Gratitude for their service.
  - Healing for Terri (pneumonia), and Richard (cancer).
  - Full recovery of motion and muscle strength for Sandee.



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*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”*

— James 3:16



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