



Holy Communion: Rite II

20th of September, 2026

11:00

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

There is a **nursery** available upstairs.
Children's Chapel: ages 4 - 11, during the service.

Welcome to Galilee Church!

Dear Friends,

This morning, as we explore Jonah 3–4 and Matthew 20, we are diving into the uncomfortable, scandalous, and beautiful depth of God’s grace. My theme is simple: we often expect life to operate on strict, transactional math—getting only what we’ve earned. Yet, in the Kingdom *of God*, we discover a generous “Landowner” who lavishes unmerited mercy on Every. Single. One of us.

We invite you to worship with an open heart, marvel afresh at God’s extravagant love, and join the conversation. *And don’t forget!* —Please join us at 4pm today for our (annual) Parish Cookout! It’s a wonderful opportunity to relax, share a meal, and connect with your church-family.

Grace and peace,

Fr. Ben

Assisting Our Worship Today

Officiants:	The Rev. Dr. Andrew Buchanan, The Rev. Dr. Ben Randall & The Rev. Nigel Mumford
Organist & Choirmaster:	Mary Dolch
Acolytes:	Bonnie Folck, Emma Folck & Mary Grace Williston
Altar Guild:	Harriet Ragsdale (CH), Robin Cather & Kim Sautter
Greeters:	Susan McRee & Rebekah Randall
Hospitality:	Manna from Heaven Team
LEMs:	David Banica & Bonnie Wheeler
Lectors:	Poppy Randall & Rebekah Randall
Prayer:	Dan Horne & Al Smith
Ushers:	Rich Lickfold & John Richardson



*The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Sue Erhard Midgett and Cheryl Erhard Maupin,
given by Nancy Erhard Cole; and Louise Patton Pearson, given by Pete Pearson.*

Prelude: Variations on Simple Gifts

James Pethel

Processional Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;
thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,
as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,
great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Opening Acclamation:

BCP, p. 355

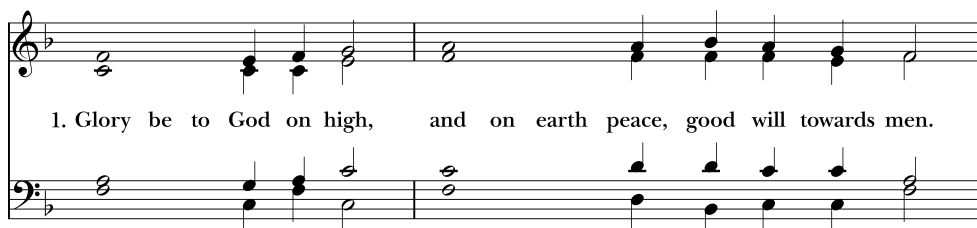
Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

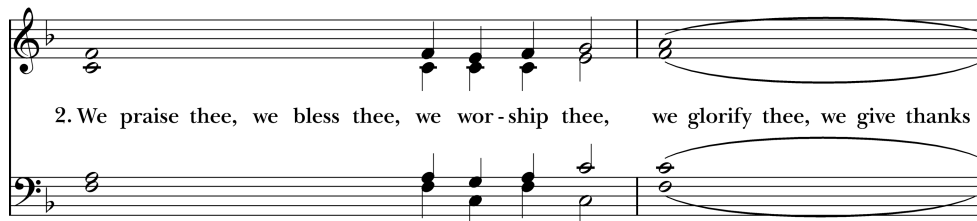
Gloria: S204
(Sung by all.)

Glory be to God

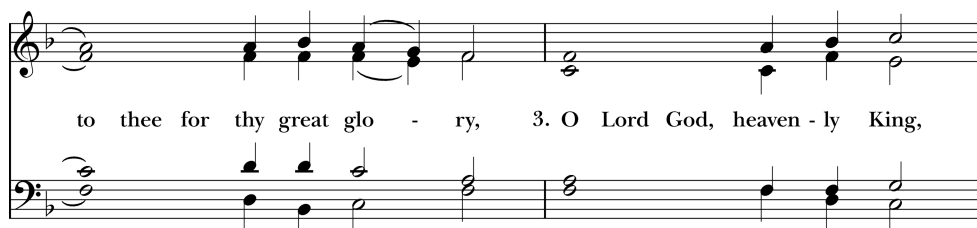
Scottish Chant



1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.



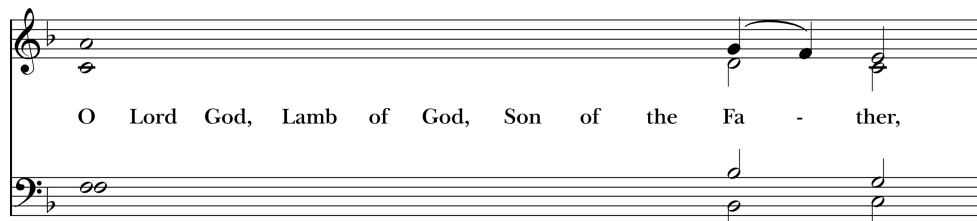
2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks



to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,



God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,



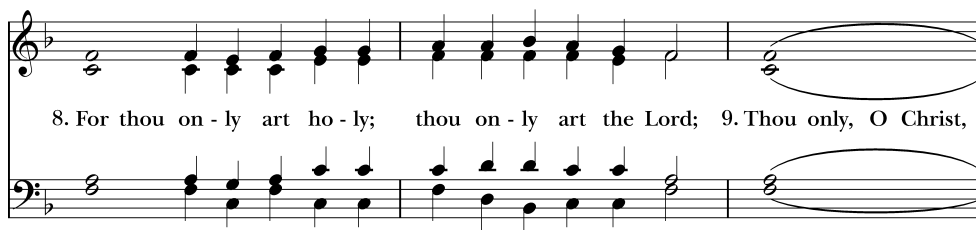
5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.



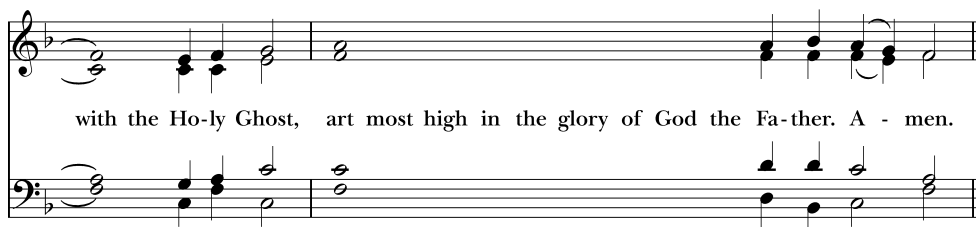
6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,



with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Music: *Old Scottish Chant*, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763?, alt.

The Collect:

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: 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.*

(Children are dismissed for chapel.)

Holy Scripture:

⁽¹⁾ ***Jonah 3:10-4:11***

When God saw what they [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, ‘O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ ⁴And the LORD said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’ ⁹But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ ¹⁰Then the LORD said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

- ¹ I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
² Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
⁴ One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
⁶ They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

(3) **Philippians 1:21-30**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

(Please remain standing.)

(4) The Gospel:

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷ They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³ But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Matthew 20:1-16

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

(Please be seated.)

The Sermon:

Fr. Ben

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Nicene Creed:

BCP, p. 358

Prayers:

BCP, p. 387

(Kneeling)

The Peace:

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Children return from children's chapel.)

Announcements:

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Offertory Anthem:

O Lord, Increase Our Faith

Henry Loosemore

(Sung by the choir.)

O Lord, increase our faith,
Strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
Endue us with wisdom, charity, and patience,
In all our adversity, sweet Jesu, say Amen.

Doxology:

Old Hundredth

(Sung by all.)

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

The Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

People: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Sanctus: S125

Holy, Holy, Holy

Richard Proulx

(Sung by all.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer:

BCP, p. 364

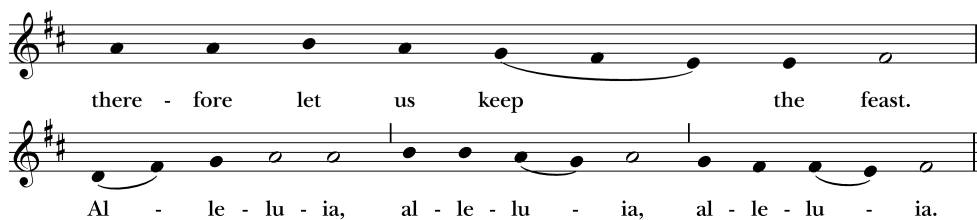
Fraction Anthem: S154

Christ Our Passover

David Hurd

*(Sung by all.)**This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



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Distribution of Communion

Communion: No. 660 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

The Blessing

Final Hymn: No. 541 Come, Labor On

Ora Labora

The Dismissal:

Officiant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Postlude: Sinfonia from Cantata 29

J.S. Bach

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Our prayer team is available to pray with you in St. Luke's Chapel following the service.

Fall Parish COOKOUT

Sept. 20th | 4pm

TODAY!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

CHICKEN, BBQ & GREEN BEANS

JUMP HOUSE!

FACE PAINTING!

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For Your Prayers:

Healing – The family of Dick Robins; Kay Scarborough, Fritz, Herb Soles, Shawn Cline, Ranny Randolph Sr, Jim McCaa, Martha Darden, Emily Rigotti, Susan Schrod, Carol, Tony, Jimmy Jordan, John Correll, Rebekah Randall, Steve Schaefer, Hugh Patterson, Kristi Deeley, Janie O'Brien, Sedonia Triepel, Terri, Sally, Jim, Webb family, Conrad Akers, Tom, Terry, Blair, Allen, Carol Kennelly, Karen W., Jensen Schoonover, Fred, Michala Jackson, Mark, Mary Ann K., Donna Rich

Expectant Mothers – Olivia Lyons, Sarah Elizabeth Gray Mikac, Nell Malbon Collins, Mary Fletcher, Kelsey Jones, Sheppard Atkinson, Chloe Vlk Myers, Meredith Mansfield, Virginia

Parishioners in the Military – Stephen, Andrew, Angela, Bill, Erin, Evan, Hannah, Hugh, Jim, John, Josh, Matt, Michael, Rick, Sean, Strock, Will, Bryan, Joe, Tom, Sully, Ryan, Logan, Chris, Andrew, David, Clarke, Chris, Lauren, Lauren R., Ian, Charlie, Matt, Alex, Rafe, Samuel, Otis, Patrick, Rob, Blake, Mary, Parker, Lincoln, Jason, Chase, Rich, Joseph, Ailsa, Palmer, Mark, J.E.B., Henry, Joseph, Matthew

Birthdays – **20:** Susie Finley, Jamie Rawles, Martha Clements, Harrison White, **21:** Patty Duckworth, Tom Bakke, Betty Darden, Bud Syme, Peter Kraus, Jay Rixey, Lillian Grace Knight, **22:** Claudy Barnes, Meg Campbell, **23:** Ben Fraser, Paige Douthett, Elissa Pierson, Elias Crunk, **24:** Dianne Marzec, Kevin Hartz, Sheppard Atkinson, Davis Franta, Rodger Schoonover, Andrew Roberts, Linda Moore, **25:** Rich Matika, Virginia Moore, **26:** Eddie Drescher, Henry Coleman

Missions – An Achievable Dream; Boys Home of Virginia; Crisis Pregnancy Center (South Hampton Roads); Eastern Shore Chapel Food Pantry; Equipping Ministries Global (Melissa Davis); Galilee Food Gap Program; Global Friendship House; Good Shepherd India; **Judeo-Christian Outreach Center**; Onesimus Ministries; People In Need; Pioneers (Tim & Carol Avery); Wycliffe Bible Translators (Mike & Heather Miller)

Memorials – Dick Robins: Friday, September 25th at 11am

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