



**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026**

Prelude: *In the Garden*, arr. Gerald Near

Processional Hymn:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390

The Word of God

BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray together our Collect for Purity.

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.

Celebrant and People:

Hymn S280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Lessons

Old Testament

I Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and

killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 85:8-13

BCP 708

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear
him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Epistle

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

Hymn 671

Stand as you are able

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ
according to Matthew 14:22-33

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Rev. Vikki Clayton

Joining with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, let us affirm the faith of the Church, by saying the Nicene Creed.

All stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed

BCP 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.**

Stand or kneel as you are able

The Prayers of the People (Form VI)

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence.
The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

**We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan
Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends**

Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our
Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Vikki, our Rector; and
for Lauren our music and choir director, for this gathering; and
for all ministers and people.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Episcopal Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Mary's Church, DC

For our parish family we pray for:

Judy O'Neil, Meredith Smith, Lydia Brittle, Scott Peterson,
Stevie Grimes, Janet McMurtray.

**For parishioners' family members and friends
we pray in the quiet of our hearts:**

(A moment of silence.)

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)

Jerry Cross (V. Cross)

Susan Oliver (J. Shea)

Daniel Oliver (J. Shea)

Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)

Roseann Royle (N. Row)

Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)

Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)

Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)

Christine Pearson (V. Cross & J. Rutherford)

Chris Fountas (J. Rutherford)

Edmund Ground (M. Smith)

Allie Ground (M. Smith)

Garry Ground (M. Smith)

Felicia Taylor Popowski (B. Taylor)

Angela McKenzie (S. Henderson)

Mercy Frederick Ozuruonye (C. Frederick)

Anna Kuhlmann (N. Row)

Nicole Pappano (J. Kaufmann)
David Umsheid (J. McMurtray)
Barb and Scott McDonald (V. Cross)
Joyce Oehmler (V. Cross)
Yannick Goedde-Bosch (A. Fitts)
Nicole Bowie (N. Row)
Jim Bond (S. Bond)
Shari Champagne (V. Cross)
Donny Cooper (J. McMurtray)
Nancy Loy (J. Rutherford)
Amy Morris (D. Howard)
Sophia Hu (D. Starkweather & V. Cross)
Deanna Wheeler (D. Howard)
Barry Burke (J. McMurtray)
Carolyn McInnes (J. McMurtray)

Birthday for the week of August 9 – 15

Art Elgin

August 10

Celebrant:

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 forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

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.**

Celebrant:

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

BCP 360

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

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn:

I've got peace like a river

LEVAS 201

Stand as you are able

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above the Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) BCP 361

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.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you

made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Hymn S129

**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.

The people stand or kneel.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant:

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 forever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior 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 Fraction The Celebrant breaks the bread.
(*A moment of silence*)

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #154

This setting is not used in Lent.



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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 Music

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, arr. Marth Sherrill Kelsey

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Hymn 637

The Dismissal

Lay Eucharist Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Sent Forth by God's Blessing, arr. John A. Behnke

Serving Today

Lay Reader Deborah Howard

Lay Eucharist Minister Rob Palmer

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist Lauren Fisher

Usher Jack Hauber

Altar Guild Vickie Fisher, Lauren Fisher and Victoria Cross

Broadcast Technician Ann Fitts

Flower Guild Jennifer Rutherford

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Victoria Clayton

St. Bartholomew's Vestry

Senior Warden Lois Leigh

Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry:

Ann Fitts, John Kaufmann, David Landrith, Rob Palmer,
Judith Schneider, Donna Starkweather

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is a potluck. Next week is hosted by Ann and Bill Fitts. We have an exciting new way to sign up to host using the following QR code! Hosting is easy, all you have to do is bring a baked good from the grocery store or a couple of dozen donuts, basically something simple and we're happy!

The coffee is made for you and plates and cups are put out too. The sign up book is still on the counter or see Victoria Cross or Lauren Fisher if you have any questions.



Sunday School

August 23rd: Blessing of the Backpacks! Children remain in church and receive a back to school blessing. All kids are invited to bring their backpack to church with them.

September 13th: 1st Sunday School class of the new year! Back to school kick-off party!

Bible Study

Bible study is on hiatus until September 17th. We will be studying “The Early Christian Letters” by N.T. Wright when we reconvene. It is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble (but you don’t need a book to join us).

Forward Day by Day

The current edition of Forward Day by Day for August, September and October, in regular and large print, is available in the rack when you come into the church. Please take one. You can also go to www.forwardmovement.org, click on the Prayer tab at the top, then scroll down to Today’s Forward Day by Day to view the online version.

We provide Forward Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life.

Food Giving Basket

There is a food giving basket for Olney Help in the entry way of the church with a “wish list” of items. Please bring the items in a bag. Thank you for your generosity.

On-Line Giving

There is now the option to contribute to the ministries of St. Bartholomew's by using this QR code:



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