

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2025

Eucharist Liturgy

Opening Song: [Alleluia! Raise the Gospel - Bernadette Farrell & Owen Alstott \(47\)](#)

Opening Prayer: Let us begin as we begin all things + In the name of the Creator, the Word and Holy Wisdom. Let us pray: Loving God, We come before you today with hearts that long for a stronger faith. We praise you for your goodness and your infinite power. We confess that we often struggle to trust in your promises and to believe in your plan for our lives. O God, we ask for your Holy Spirit to fill us with a deep and unwavering faith. Help us to see your hand in all things, even in the midst of trials and difficulties. Strengthen our belief in your Word, and grant us the courage to walk in faith, even when we cannot see the way ahead. May our faith be a beacon of hope to others, drawing them closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

Penitential Rite:

God, our Mother and Father of compassion, through his living, dying, and rising, Jesus has revealed that nothing can separate us from the infinite love of God. May God give us pardon and peace, and may we forgive each other our failures to care for one another and for our earth in the name of God our creator, and of Jesus our brother, and of the Holy Spirit our wisdom. Amen.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. O God, heavenly Being, all loving God and Mother, we praise you, we give you thanks, we honor all creation. Jesus Christ, blessed Son of the Creator, Our God, help us to become a loving people: for you have loved us from the beginning and you dwell within us always. For you, Eternal Word, are Whole and Holy, you are the light of our faith, one with the Trinity, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God our Father. Amen.

(Choose Readers)

FIRST READING: A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 5:2, 6-19

As dreams come with many cares, so a fool's voice comes with a multitude of words. With many dreams come frivolities and many empty words; but choose instead to live in awe of God!

If you see oppression of the poor, violation of rights, and injustice in the realm, do not be surprised! You know such things happen. One official is supervised by a higher official.

Both are overseen by other officials, higher still. Yield from the land is taken. Rulers and the ruling elite profit from the fields; for their concern is cultivation and profit, not with those who cultivate it.

The covetous are never satisfied with money, nor lovers of wealth with their gain. Thus, wealth too is meaningless. Where there are great riches, many appear to devour them. Of what use are these goods to the owner except as a feast for the eyes alone?

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much. As for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep. I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: riches hoarded to the harm of its owners. I have seen riches lost in a bad venture, though its owners were parents of children, who then had no means to care for them, no inheritance to help the next generation on their way.

As we come forth from our mother's womb, so again shall we return; naked as we came. We have nothing from our toil to bring with us.

This too is a grievous evil; that people go just as they came! What, then, do they gain? Do they toil but for the wind? All their days they eat in irrelevance, with great frustration, affliction, and anger.

Here is what I see as good: to eat, drink, and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun during the limited days of life God gives us; for this is our lot.

The Word of a Wisdom Writer.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33:1-3; 6+8; 12-15; 20-22

Our Psalm Response is: Hope is our song.

R: Hope is our song.

Praise God with the harp!

Make music on the ten-stringed lyre!

Sing a new song! Play skillfully with shouts of joy!

R: Hope is our song.

By a word from God, the cosmos was made;
By the breath from God's mouth, all its lights.
Let all the earth stand in wonder
Let all the inhabitants of Earth stand in awe!

R: Hope is our song.

Blessed are those whose God is the Holy Name,
those who love the Beloved know a divine inheritance.
Within God's Cosmic dwelling is a dwelling for humans:
From heaven's whirling stars,
God formed Earth, and the hearts of all.
This God considers everything we do.

R: Hope is our song.

We wait in hope for God,
our help and our strength.
Our hearts rejoice in God!
We trust in the Holy Name.
May Your unfailing love, O God, be with us.
We put our hope in You.

R: Hope is our song.

**SECOND READING: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3,
8, 11, 12**

Faith is the substance of all that is hoped for, the conviction of all that is not seen. Through faith, our ancestors encountered the divine. Indeed, because of their faith our ancestors are commended and remembered.

By faith we understand that the cosmos was brought forth when God spoke,
- by divine utterance; what is visible came into being through the invisible.

In faith, Abraham and Sarah followed the call to migrate to a country that became their home and the home of their descendants. They set out not knowing where they were going.

By faith, Abraham received the ability to generate, even though he was aged. In faith, Sarah, though past the age of child-bearing, conceived. They believed the One who made the promise would be faithful and keep it. Because of faith, from one man and woman, deemed unproductive, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands on the seashore, which cannot be counted.

The Word of an early church theologian. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke 12:13-34

A crowd had gathered around Jesus when a voice called out: "Teacher, tell my eldest sibling to divide the family inheritance with me." Jesus responded, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator between you?" Turning to the crowds, Jesus said, "Be careful! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. One's life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Then Jesus told them a parable: "The land of a rich farmer produced abundantly. The landowner thought: 'What should I do? I have no place to store my crops! I know, I will pull down my barns and build larger ones! I will store all my grain and my goods there. I will say to myself: Self, you have ample goods laid up for many years. Relax! Eat! Drink! Be merry.' But God said, 'You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"

"So it is with those who store up treasure for themselves but do not treasure God (and God's way)."

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. Consider the ravens. They don't sow or reap. They have no storeroom or barn. Yet God feeds them. Are you not as dear to God as the ravens? Who of you, by worrying, can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? Seek God's kin-dom, and these things will follow.

"Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will God not provide for you, O you of little faith?

"Do not be afraid, little flock. Your Loving God has been pleased to give you the kin-dom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Keep coffers which will not wear out. A treasure in heaven will never fail. There, no thief draws near; no moth destroys. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

ALL: We believe in God, the Creator of the Universe, the fountain of life, flowing through every being. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who reflects the face of God and the fullness of humanity. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God in the cosmos, who calls us to love and serve without counting the cost. We believe in our global communion with all in the circle of life. Amen to loving actions on behalf of justice, healing, compassion and equality for all in our world! We believe we are light to the world! Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful:

We invite you to give voice to any concerns, needs and thanksgivings. After each petition, please say, "Hear our prayer." **Our response: Amen.**

We believe that you hear our prayers and join us in our time of need and gratitude. For these and the requests we carry in the silence of our hearts, be near and fill us with your grace. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

My siblings, let us pray that these gifts may be acceptable to God, our Creator. + **All: Creator God, accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of your name, for our good and the good of all your people.**

Ever-gentle God, Jesus accepted all who came to him as an example for us. Accept our gifts, our intentions and ourselves. We offer our lives in service to you and your people. Fill us with the spirit of humility and love. We ask this through Jesus our hope. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer II (Michael Morwood)

God, it is our joy always and everywhere to give thanks through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is the Word through whom You made the universe; the Savior You sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, He took flesh and was born of Mary. For our sake, He opened his arms on the cross; He put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this He fulfilled Your will and won for You a holy people. And so, we join the angels and saints in proclaiming Your glory as we say:

Holy, holy, holy, God of gentleness and light. Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the Highest.

We give You thanks, Creator Spirit beyond all imagining, for the wonderful gift of reflective awareness that allows us to recognize and name Your presence in our cosmos. Everything we have; everything we see; everything we do; everyone we love and everyone who loves us reveals Your sustaining presence. We marvel and wonder at the size and complexity of our universe. We marvel and wonder at the development of life on this planet. We thank You that your presence "charges" this life and all that exists. We recognize that human life gives You a particular way of expressing Yourself and that in us You can sing and dance, speak and write, love and create.

Conscious that we live, move, and have our being in You, we give You thanks for people throughout history who have affirmed Your loving presence in all people and who have challenged people to give witness to Your presence through lives characterized by mercy, gratitude, compassion, generosity, and forgiveness.

We thank You for Jesus of Nazareth who loved so greatly and taught so clearly and courageously that He was able to set people free from images and ideas and religious practices that bound them into fear and a false sense of separation from You. Through Him we have learned how our loving is a sharing in Your life. In Him we see Your presence challenging us to make Your reign on earth more visible.

We remember the night before He died, when He took bread, gave You thanks for everything He had, broke the bread and shared it with His friends asking them to remember His total surrender to You and His enduring love for each of us.

(Please extend your hands and say these words together)

Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, which will be given up for you.

Likewise, knowing His life was to be poured out, he shared the cup of wine with his friends.

(Please extend your hands and say these words together)

Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the life of the new and everlasting covenant, a covenant of love. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We believe that like all people who lived in love and died in love, Jesus died into Your eternal loving embrace. We are thankful that His story grounds our belief in our own eternal, loving connectedness with You and our belief that we are in communion with our relatives, friends and all who have died.

We pray for all who allow the mind and heart and spirit of Jesus to motivate their actions. We pray that Christian leadership may be open, affirming and inclusive, creative and challenging. We pray that all Christians might better recognize, acknowledge and acclaim Your presence in all people, at all times, in all places.

For ourselves gathered here we ask the grace to be who and what we ritualize here: the “body of Christ,” people committed by our “Amen” to allowing Your Spirit to move freely in our lives. We thank You that we have gathered here as a community of faith; we rejoice in the giftedness of each person here: we are grateful for who we are for each other. We consider ourselves blessed in and by You. May we be truly Eucharistic in all we do. To this prayer we give our AMEN.

All: Through Christ, may all creation unfold; With Christ, may all creation be one; In Christ, may all divisions be healed; In the unity of the Holy Spirit, may all glory and Honor be Yours, forever and ever. Amen!

Kiss of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Now let us offer the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father, Our Mother

Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. AMEN.

Communion: This is Jesus, the Bread of Life and the Wine of Salvation.
How blessed are we who are called to this table.

All: God, by your invitation, we delight in our worthiness to receive you.

Communion Meditation: (Helene)

"The light of God surrounds us; the love of God enfolds us; the power of God protects us; the presence of God watches over us always."

Announcements: Aug. 31 LOW and Business Meeting (Coats for Kids)

Closing Prayer: Source of Love,

We praise you for this time together to renew our spirits and our faith in you. May we be ever mindful of what is truly of value regardless of what the world dictates. Deepen our faith in you, that we may trust that all will be well in the days and weeks to come. This we pray as Full Circle. **AMEN.**

Blessing: May our loving God bless you, in the name of the Creator, the Word and Holy Wisdom + Our mass has ended but our service has just begun. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.