

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
**October 19, 2025 – The 19th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00 am**  
**St. James Episcopal Church, Woodstock, Vermont**

Prelude  
Dr. James E. Lorenz, Director of Music

**Hymn 478 Jesus, Our Mighty Lord**

*Monk's Gate*

**1 Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness  
The Father's conquering Word, true source of gladness;  
Your Name we glorify, O Jesus, throned on high;  
You gave yourself to die for our salvation.**

**2 Good shepherd of your sheep, your own defending,  
In love your children keep to life unending.  
You are yourself the Way: lead us then day by day  
In your own steps, we pray, O Lord most holy.**

**3 Glorious their life who sing, with glad thanksgiving,  
True hymns to Christ the King in all their living:  
All who confess his Name, come then with hearts aflame;  
The God of peace acclaim as Lord and Savior.**

**The Word of God**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

**Gloria in Excelsis (*The Sewanee Service* - Malcolm Archer)**

# Gloria

Con moto ♩ = 128



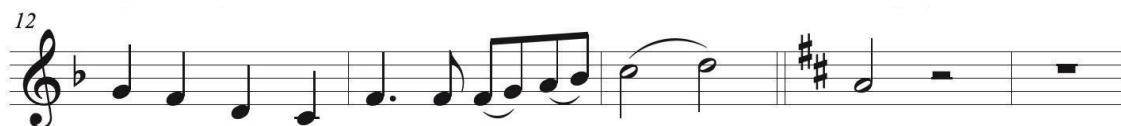
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, — heaven - ly King, al -



migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we —



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fath - er: — re - ceive our prayer. — For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, — with the Ho - ly — Spi - rit, in the



## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
|                  | The Lord be with you.     |
| <b>People</b>    | <b>And also with you.</b> |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us pray.              |

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People**    **Amen.**

## First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from

the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Psalm 119:97-104 (BCP, page 771)**

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.

**Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**Sequence Hymn 709 O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand**

*Dundee*

**1 O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
thy people still are fed;  
who through this earthly pilgrimage  
hast all our fathers led:**

**2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
before thy throne of grace:  
O God of Israel, be the God  
of this succeeding race.**

**3 Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.**

**4 O spread thy covering wings around,  
till all our wanderings cease,  
and at our Father's loved abode  
our souls arrive in peace!**

**5 Such blessings from thy gracious hand  
our humble prayers implore;  
and thou shalt be our covenant God  
and portion evermore.**

**The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People**                      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Lee A. Crawford**

**The Nicene Creed (BCP, page 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.

## **The Prayers of the People, Form IV (BCP, page 388)**

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin (BCP, page 360)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, 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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

### **The Holy Communion**



Offertory Anthem: *O Come, Thou Traveller Unknown* - arr. Thomas Gibbs

**The Doxology: Hymn 380, vs. 3 (*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*)**

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.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP, page 367**

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant sings or says*

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 our thanks and praise.**

*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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

*Of God the Father*

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.

*or the following*  
*Of God the Son*

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.

*or the following*  
*Of God the Holy Spirit*

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our  
Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

***Sanctus (The Sewanee Service – Malcolm Archer)***

Moderato ♩ = 84

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The tempo is marked 'Moderato' with a quarter note equal to 84 beats per minute. The dynamics are marked as follows: *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the beginning, *mf* (mezzo-forte) at measure 8, and *f* (forte) at measure 12. The score includes lyrics for each measure. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_. and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

*People and Celebrant*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.  
Then may be sung or said*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

## Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei* (The Sewanee Service – Malcolm Archer)

Gently Flowing ♩ = 72

*p*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the

5

sins of the world; have mer-cy up-on us.

11

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer-cy up-

16

*mf*

on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

21

*p* *pp*

sins of the world; grant us your peace.

## **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*            Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him  
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Those unable to receive communion in person today are invited to say the following  
Prayer of Spiritual Communion.*

*In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where  
your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own  
parish and those worshiping there, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for  
creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life,  
death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.*

*And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the  
Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come  
into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and  
my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your  
grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer (BCP, page 366)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and **People***

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you**

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people*

**Hymn 530 Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word**

*Gott sei Dank*

**1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word, spread the kingdom of the lord,  
That to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;**

**2 Word of how the Father's will made the world and keeps it, still;  
How his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;**

**3 Word of how the Saviour's love earth's sore burden doth remove;  
How forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;**

**4 Word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name;  
How his never failing love guides us on to heaven above.**

**5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long,  
Spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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