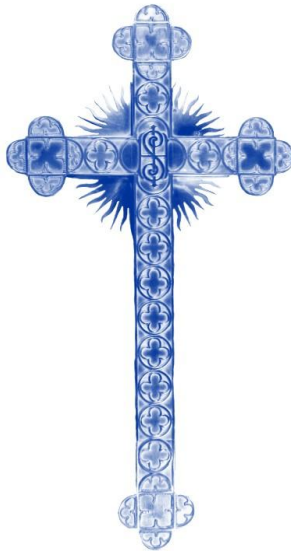


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

October 4, 2026 ✠ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-280*

Glory to God

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 80:7-14

Qui regis Israel

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 7 Restore us, O God of **hosts**; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be **saved**.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of **Egypt**; *
you cast out the nations and **planted it**.

- 9 You prepared the ground **for it**; *
it took root and filled the **land**.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its **shadow** *
and the towering cedar trees by its **boughs**.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the **Sea** *
and its branches to the **River**.
- 12 Why have you broken down its **wall**, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its **grapes**?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has **ravaged it**, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed **upon it**.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this **vine**; *
preserve what your right hand has **planted**.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

On Eagle's Wings (vv. 1-2)

Michael Joncas

Verse 1

1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in his
shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!" *to Refrain*

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand. *to Verses (last time to Coda) ♣*

♣ Coda

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Verse 2

2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring
you no fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield. *to Refrain*

Verse 3

3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by
day; though thou-sands fall a-bout you, near you it shall not come. *to Refrain*

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The Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Preacher: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Hymn

On Eagle’s Wings (v.3 and refrain)

The Sermon

The Rev. Webster Gibson

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Eternal God

John Rutter

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The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 458	My song is love unknown	<i>Love Unknown</i>
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Hymn # 448	O love, how deep, how broad, how high	<i>Deus tuorum militum</i>
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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Celebrant: We send to those who cannot be with us the Sacrament of Christ's loving presence.
People: May the prayers of all of us go with you as you share in the communion.

* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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Acolytes – Elizabeth Loring, Gregory Elwood

Altar Guild – Betsy Young, Ann Elwood

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