**HOLY COMMUNION**

Church of the Good Shepherd at Hill

# Proper 18

1. **PROCESSION**
2. **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**
3. **THE ACCLAMATION**

Bishop: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People: **And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Bishop: Your old men shall dream dreams,

People: **And your young men shall see visions.**

Bishop: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his People:,

People: **That he is the Lord and there is none else.**

Bishop: And it shall come to pass

People: **That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved**.

1. **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN**

*Officiant:* God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

***People:***: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Silence*

*Bishop:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**

1. **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Song)**
2. **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:*** **And with your spirit.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

O Lord God, grant your People: grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

1. **THE LESSONS**

*Officiant:* Brothers and sisters, let us dispose our hearts and minds to hear the Word of the Lord. You may sit.

**The Old Testament**

**A Reading from ---**

*Reader*: The Word of the Lord.

**Psalm 1**

**The New Testament**

**A Reading from** **Acts 7:20-29**

*Reader*: The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

*All standing (Song: Hallelujah)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 5:17-27**

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

*Reader*: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

1. **THE SERMON**
2. **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

1. **THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION, AND EXAMINATION**

*Presenters* **Reverend Father in God, we present *these persons***

**to receive the laying on of hands.**

*Bishop: Have they* been adequately prepared?

*Presenters* ***They have.***

*The Bishop: then says*

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God’s grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God’s children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God’s people for the sake of the world.

Now, these Candidates: desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

*The Bishop: then addresses the Candidates:*

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

*Candidates:* **I do.**

*Bishop:* Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces

of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Candidates:* **I renounce them.**

*Bishop:* Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly

deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the

creatures of God?

*Candidates:* **I renounce them.**

*Bishop:* Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that

draw you from the love of God?

*Candidates:* **I renounce them.**

*Bishop:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your

Lord and Savior?

*Candidates:* **I do.**

*Bishop:* Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as

revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and

New Testaments?

*Candidates:* **I do.**

*Bishop:* Will you obediently keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

*Candidates:* **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

*The Bishop: addresses the Congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*The Congregation responds* **We will.**

1. **PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*The Bishop: stands and says*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen *these* your *servants* for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in *them* your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions are Received with the laying on of hands as follows.*

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant ***N***., whom we recognize as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and receive into the fellowship of this Communion. Empower *him* for your service, and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

*People* **Amen.**

***N*., I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

*The Bishop: then says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that *they* may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. **THE PEACE**

may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. *2 Thessalonians 3:16*

*Officiant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:*** **And with your spirit.**

1. **THE OFFERTORY**

A prayer for the Offertory

*Reader*  Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Song

1. **THE SURSUM CORDA**

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

*Bishop:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Bishop:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. 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:

1. **THE SANCTUS**

(Song)

1. **THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell, and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Bishop: and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your People: the Holy Sacrament of Bread and Wine your Son Jesus Christ instituted. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

**People: Lord God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength, for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

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.**

1. **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Officiant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.**

1. **THE FRACTION**

*Officiant:* [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

***People:*** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

1. **THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

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.]

Song

1. **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.**

1. **THE BLESSING BY BISHOP:**

The God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1. **THE DISMISSAL**

*Officiant:* Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People:* **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.**