

The Holy Eucharist

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19th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 22 / Year A

with Blessing of the Animals

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

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Welcome to St. Antony's. Our worship of God is offered both in person and on Facebook livestream at the same time. You may find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/>. For those worshipping in person, the use of facemasks is optional and we encourage respect for each person's choice to remain as healthy as possible.

We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Klallam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

The Salutation

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

People **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria

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**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father
have mercy on us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Creation Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All-loving and everliving God, thou are always more ready to give than we are to receive:
Pour upon us thy abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; through Jesus
Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one
God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for St. Francis

Most present, loving, good Creator, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities
of the human world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in shared
life with your whole Creation in perfectness of joy; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading – 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!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-14

Qui regis Israel

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 Reading – A Reading of “Seeds of life and hope”
from *Ladder to the Light*, Steven Charleston**

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston (b. 1949) is a Native American elder, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, an author, and a retired bishop in the Episcopal Church. He is widely recognized as a leading proponent for justice issues and for spiritual renewal in the church in both the United States and Canada. Among other roles, he has served as the national staff officer for Native American ministries, the Bishop of Alaska, and the Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School.

I have a small vision to share, one that came to me through the night walks we call dreams. In my dream, I saw a shadowy figure standing high on a darkened hill, throwing seeds into the wind. Once the seeds left the figure's hand, they turned to tiny points of light and were carried away into the sky. That's all I remember, but it is enough. You and I stand on a windswept moment in history. All around us is a gathering darkness. But we are not afraid because we have seeds of life and hope in our pockets. Our task is to cast them as far and wide as we can. The breath of the Spirit will do the rest.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel – Matthew 21:33-46

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily – The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

A brief reflective silence may follow the sermon

The Nicene Creed (*said together, standing as you are able.*)

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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

Leader: I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

People: O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Nicole Steller*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, continued

adapted from Form III, BCP p.387

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Creator, we pray for all Creation and the holy assemblies of all faithful people;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every creature and all Creation may truly and humbly serve you and one another;
That your Glory may be known by all creatures.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons and all spiritual leaders—especially Sean, our presiding Bishop; Phil, our bishop; and Hillary, our vicar;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments in all Creation.

We pray for all who lead and hold responsibility in the nations and organizations of the human world—especially Donald, the President of the United States; and Bob, the governor of Washington;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your joyful desire in all that we do and refrain from doing;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on all your creatures who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to all departed creatures eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In the World Anglican Communion we give thanks and pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. In Jerusalem and the Middle East we give thanks and pray for St. Luke's Center for Mentally Disturbed Children, Beit Mery, Lebanon. In our own Diocese of Olympia we give thanks and pray for St. Andrew's, Aberdeen; St. Hugh of Lincoln, Allyn. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

The prayer list is read. Silence is left so that the People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant concludes

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature:

Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and remembering the account that we

must give one day, grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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.**

The Peace

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer - Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when he stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if he fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Minute for Mission

The Blessing of the Animals

Pets in carriers or on leashes will be invited to come forward to the altar to receive a blessing. If your pet would be more comfortable away from the other animals, simply remain in your seat and the priest will come to you. If your pet is not able to be with us, you may bring up a photo of them.

The Offertory



You can donate to the church by scanning the QR code with your phone, or by placing your gift in a collection plate.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence, *said together*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving | Rite I Alternative Eucharistic Prayer

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus (*Spoken*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand as able. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and

bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant may say

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 INSTRUCTIONS

**** Hand sanitizer can be found next to the hymnal and prayer books on the chair in front of you. ****

To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar behind the railing and in front. You may kneel or stand. Cup your hands in front of you to receive the bread. For the wine, you may choose either to get a single use cup on your way to the altar, or drink from the common cup. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

**** If you would prefer to have communion brought to you for any reason, simply remain seated and let the usher know when your row is sent. The usher will alert the altar party, who will bring communion directly to you. Used communion cups may be placed in one of the bowls on either end of the first row of chairs.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Happy Birthday!

10-05 Caroline Alford

10-10 Gary Hicks

Happy Anniversary!

10-05 – Miguel & Lilian Gallegos

10-07 - Nick & Carrie Rivers

The Altar Flowers are given today by Suzanne Brock in honor of her father, Herbert Day's birthday.

Flowers are arranged by Donna Hilton

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Mary Collier in memory of her grandmother, Helen Reinhardt.

Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday, Oct. 4</i>	<i>8am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1</i>
<i>Blessing of the Animals</i>	<i>9am – Episcopal 101</i>
<i>*Loose Plate offering</i>	<i>9:30 & 11:45am – Choir Practice</i>
<i>goes to Kitsap Animal Rescue & Education</i>	<i>10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2</i>
	<i>Teen Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday, Oct. 6</i>	<i>Noon – Grief Drop-in</i>
<i>Wednesday, Oct. 7</i>	<i>Vicar on Celtic Pilgrimage. Will be back October 19.</i>
<i>Thursday, Oct. 8</i>	<i>12:30pm – Bible Study</i>
<i>Saturday, Oct. 10</i>	<i>9:00am – Buildings & Grounds Work Party ?</i>
<i>Sunday, Oct. 11</i>	<i>8am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1</i>
<i>Rev. Linda Logan</i>	<i>9am – Episcopal 101</i>
	<i>10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2</i>

***The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming community who worship God,
grow in Christ, and serve others.***

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