

The Holy Eucharist

September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 19 / Year A, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey
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Acolytes: Caroline & Nolan

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Eucharistic Minister: Cris McCarty
Lay Readers: Jason Kimes,
Audra Alford

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and livestreamed on Facebook. You will 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.

Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as to show our respect for our musicians.

We have been entrusted to be care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. 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.

Welcome

Prelude

The people stand as able.

Opening Hymn

"God is love, let heaven adore Him"

Hymnal 379

Salutation

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant This is the day the Creator has made.

People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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 WLP 900

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

peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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 Fa - ther: 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 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

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Creation Collect for the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Reading – Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-13 *chanted, remaining seated*

Benedic, anima mea

Tone 410

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 Bless the Lord, O my/ soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy/ Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my/ soul, *
and forget not all his/ benefits.

3 He forgives all your/ sins *
and heals all your in/firmities;

4 He redeems your life from the/ grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving/-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good/ things, *
and your youth is renewed like an/ eagle's.

6 The Lord executes/ righteousness *
and judgment for all who are op/pressed.

7 He made his ways known to/ Moses *
and his works to the children of/ Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and/ mercy, *
slow to anger and of great/ kindness.

9 He will not always ac/cuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for/ ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our/ sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our/ wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the/ earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who/ fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the/ west, *
so far has he removed our sins from/ us.

13 As a father cares for his/ children, *
so does the Lord care for those who/ fear him.

The Second Reading – A Reading from the Babylonian Talmud, Taanit 23a

The Talmud is the textual record of generations of rabbinic debate about law, philosophy, and biblical interpretation, compiled between the 3rd and 8th centuries and structured as commentary on the Mishnah with stories interwoven. Honi HaMe'agel ("Honi the circle-drawer") was a tanna or Jewish scholar of the 1st century BCE, the scholars from whose teachings the Mishnah was derived.

While the sage, Honi, was walking along a road, he saw a man planting a carob tree.

Honi asked him, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?"

"Seventy years," replied the man.

Honi then asked, "Are you so healthy a man that you expect to live that length of time and eat its fruit?!"

The man answered, "I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me.
Likewise I am planting for my children."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

"God moves in a mysterious way"

Hymnal 677

(Verses 1-3 before; verses 4-6 after the Gospel)

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily – The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

The homilist invites the people to sit. A moment of silence may follow the homily.

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

**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.**

Prayers of the People *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

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* *Honoring God in Creation Form 1*

Leader:

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray: Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray: Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray: Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures—especially Donald our president, and Bob, our governor— that they may all consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us. And for our spiritual leaders as they discern how the church may advocate for your creation. We pray especially for Sean, our presiding bishop, Phil our Bishop, and Hillary, our vicar, and all the clergy and lay leaders in our diocese. Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray: Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth’s resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray: Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray: Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray: Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

In the World Anglican Communion we give thanks and pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In Jerusalem and the Middle East we give thanks and pray for St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Aqaba, Jordan. In our own Diocese of Olympia we give thanks and pray for St. Germaine, Hoodspoint; St. Benedict's, Lacey. Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

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

The prayer list is read

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Merciful God, **keep your planet and people in peace.**

The Celebrant concludes

Gracious One, reaching our need, overcoming our alienation: give us a spirit of gratitude for the abundance of the earth, the wildness of its creatures, the global threads that bind friend and foreigner; may our thanks be the soil in which a dream of justice grows; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of our love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: Peace be with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another.
The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, then return to their seats.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer - Watch over your child[ren], O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart[s] may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The loose plate offering goes to the Bremerton Backpack Brigade

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Remain seated for ease in the passing of the offering plates.



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

OFFERTORY INSTRUCTIONS

The offering plates are passed throughout the congregation by the ushers. Please accept the plate and pass it all the way down your row. When it comes to you, we invite you to use those few seconds to thank God for the blessings in your life and reflect on how you are giving back. Giving is never an obligation; it's always an invitation! We know that everyone gives as the Spirit leads, and that gifts of time and talent don't fit in the offering plate! We also know that many people give online or by the QR code above. (If so, feel free to place the "I Gave Online" card in the plate as it passes you.) So whether you have something to put in the plate today or not, this moment is just between you and God. If you simply pray "Thank you, God" each time you touch the offering plate, that is a powerful spiritual practice.

Choir Anthem ***"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"*** *Ippolitov Ivanov*

The Doxology (*sung, standing as you are able*)

**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. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3

from Enriching Our Worship

Remain standing through the Sanctus

Celebrant *All*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *All*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

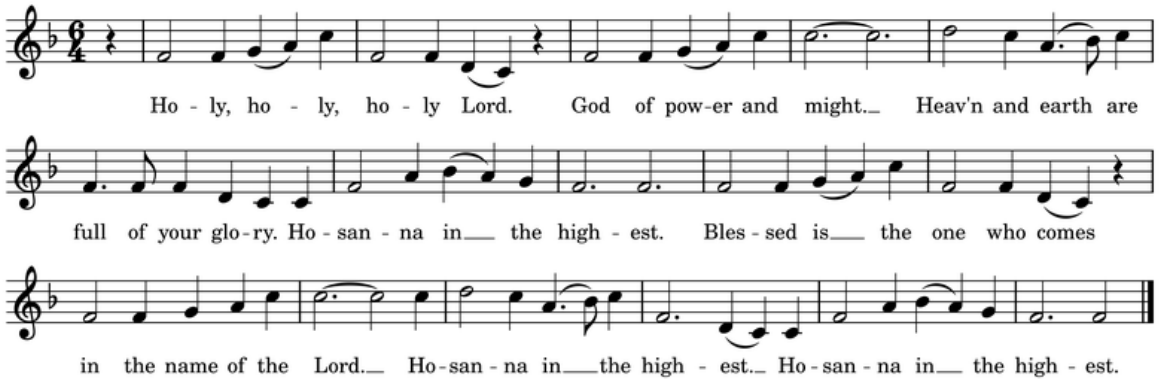
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus – “Holy, holy, holy Lord” WLP 858



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The people may remain standing as able or kneel if preferred.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Antony and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

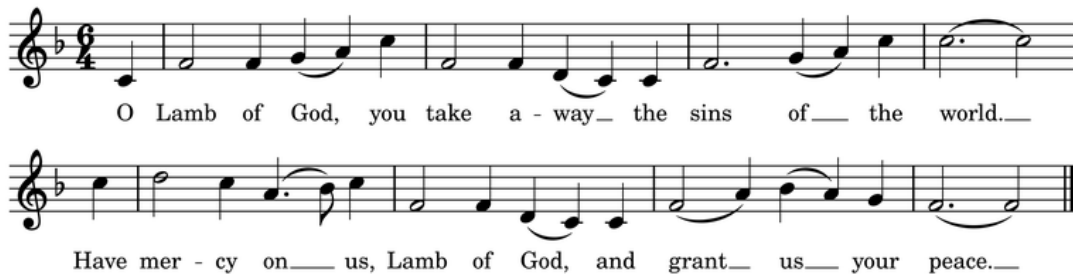
The Celebrant continues:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray in the language of our hearts:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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.**

Fraction Anthem - Agnus Dei



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COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all.

To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar; the ushers will guide you. 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, which are behind the privacy kneelers, or to receive from the common cup. To do so, simply guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, communion in one kind is just as valid; simply cross your arms over your chest when the wine is offered to you, and the minister will say the words over you and move on. To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest when each element is offered to you.

We have gluten-free wafers available; you can request one from the priest at your turn.

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

Communion Hymn *“Where charity and love dwell, God himself is there”* Hymnal 606

Postcommunion Prayer *Please rise as you are able.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Faithful God

in the wonder of your wisdom and love

you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,

and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

We thank you for feeding us with this bread.

May it strengthen us

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Love astounding, Love confounding”

VF 143



1. Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found-ing lim - its_ fear - ful minds im - pose.
2. Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,
Love re - new-ing, Love pur - su - ing_ ev - ery_ heart un - til it knows
faith re - gain-ing, hope pro - claim-ing; Love has_ taught us, we be - long
Love's trans-form-ing, heal - ing_ good-ness, Love's a - bid - ing, gen - tle_ grace,
safe with - in Love's tend - er_ keep-ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.
Love's en - dur-ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing, strong em-brace.
Love de - fend-ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of_ God en - fold - ing all.

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Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Dismissal

Celebrant Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation; as you have received freely,
so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Phil Bonderud and Dave Smith
are the hosts today.

Happy Birthday!

9-16 Tim van As
9-17 Cheryl Wright
9-18 Bill Fagan
9-19 Malcolm Campbell

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Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Carol & Dave Wedeven in celebration of both of their birthdays.

Flowers are arranged by Donna Hilton

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Cheryl & Benny Wright in memory of Cheryl's mom, Madeline Racette.

Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday, Sept. 13</i>	<i>8am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1</i>
<i>Loose Plate</i>	<i>9am – Episcopal 101</i>
<i>Offering -</i>	<i>9:30 & 11:45am – Choir Practice</i>
<i>Backpack Brigade</i>	<i>10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2</i>
	<i>Godly Play</i>
	<i>6:00pm – Youth Group</i>
<i>Tuesday, Sept. 15</i>	<i>11:00am – Witty Knitters</i>
<i>Wednesday, Sept. 16</i>	<i>9:00am – Landscape Team Meeting</i>
	<i>11:00am – Outreach Meeting</i>
<i>Thursday, Sept. 17</i>	<i>12:30pm – Bible Study</i>
<i>Saturday, Sept. 19</i>	<i>8:00am – Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Kitsap Way Family Pancake House</i>
	<i>2:00pm - Paint Party! Please sign up in the narthex for this event.</i>
<i>Sunday, Sept. 20</i>	<i>8am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1</i>
	<i>9am – Episcopal 101</i>
	<i>10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2</i>
	<i>Teen Bible Study</i>
	<i>11:45am – Bishop's Committee Meeting</i>