

The Holy Eucharist

September 20, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 20 / Year A, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Celebrant: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey
Musician: Chris Eisenberg
Acolytes: Luke

Livestream Producer: Guy Fulton
Eucharistic Minister: Holly Hoxeng
Lay Readers: Luke Rogers
Sarah Rogers

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

"We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord"

Hymnal 404

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.

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to active hope; 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 – Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

Psalms 145:1-8 *chanted, remaining seated*

Exaltabo te, Deus

Tone 410

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 I will exalt you, O God my/ King, *
and bless your Name for ever and/ ever.

2 Every day will I/ bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and/ ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be/ praised; *
there is no end to his/ greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to an/other *
and shall declare your/ power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your/ majesty *
and all your marvelous/ works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous/ acts, *
and I will tell of your/ greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great/ goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous/ deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of com/passion, *
slow to anger and of great/ kindness.

The Second Reading – Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

“Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy”

Hymnal 482

(Verses 1-2 before; verses 3-4 after the Gospel)

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 20:1-6

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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired

about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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.**

A Litany for the Earth Form A

Leader

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying,
“God of glory, hear us.”

I ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all. I ask your prayers especially for Sean, our presiding bishop; Phil, our bishop; and Hillary, our vicar, and all the clergy and lay ministers in our midst.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples, especially for Donald, the president of the United States, and Bob, the governor of Washington, and all our elected leaders near and far.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for the environmental concerns that you may lift up now, either silently or aloud.

Silence, during which the people may offer their concerns.

We offer our fears.

God of glory, hear us.

I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth. **God of glory, hear us.**

I ask your prayers for the dead, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works. **God of glory, hear us.**

In the World Anglican Communion we give thanks and pray for The Anglican Church of Australia. In Jerusalem and the Middle East we give thanks and pray for Christ School, Nazareth, Israel. In our own Diocese of Olympia we give thanks and pray for St. Mark's, Montesano; Chaplains on the Harbor, Montesano. **God of glory, hear us.**

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

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

For these and all the prayers we've kept in our hearts: **God of glory, hear us.**

The celebrant concludes:

Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope in resurrection life. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. **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 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.

Offertory Hymn

"Jesus in the Morning"

LEVAS 76



1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn-ing, Je - sus in the noon-time;
2. Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him in the morn-ing, praise Him in the noon-time;
3. Love__ Him, love__ Him, love Him in the morn-ing, love Him in the noon-time;
4. Serve Him, serve__ Him, serve Him in the morn-ing, serve Him in the noon-time;
5. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn-ing, Je - sus in the noon-time;



Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!
praise__ Him, praise__ Him, praise Him when the sun goes down!
love____ Him, love____ Him, love Him when the sun goes down!
serve____ Him, serve____ Him, serve Him when the sun goes down!
Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!

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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

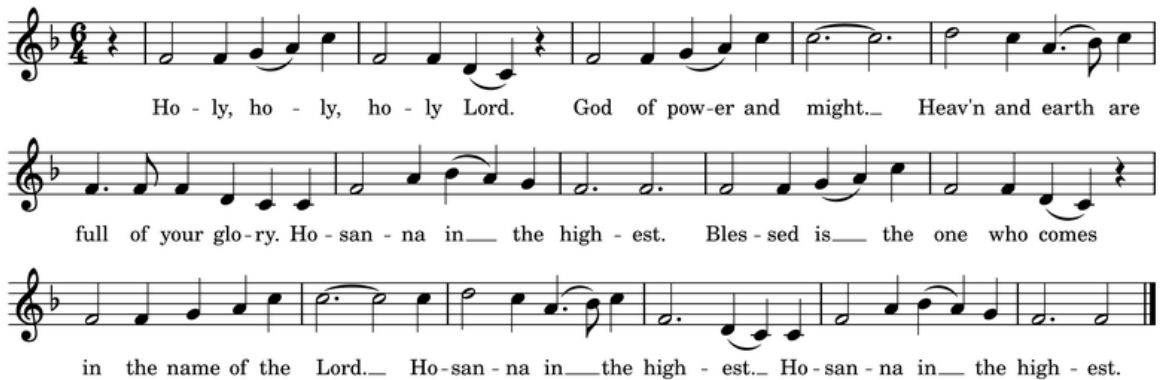
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 Mary, 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 forever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

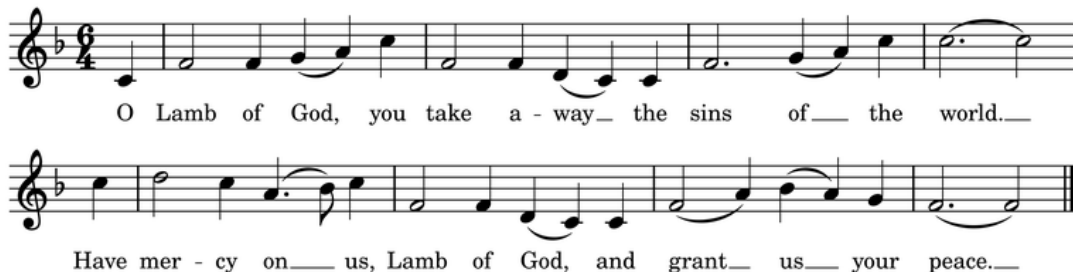
The Celebrant continues:

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 Music – Chris Eisenberg

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

“Singing songs of expectation”

Hymnal 527

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. The Rogers family is the host.
today.

Happy Birthday!

9-22 Christina Morris

9-22 Laura Shear

9-23 Jessica Sherwin

9-25 David Stockwell

9-25 Christopher Ferguson

9-26 Benny Wright

Happy Anniversary!

9-24 Darrow & Ruth Lindstrum

The Altar Flowers are given today by Darrow & Ruth Lindstrum in thanksgiving of their wedding anniversary.

Flowers are arranged by Loretta McGinley

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Benny Wright in celebration of Cheryl’s birthday.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Sept. 20

8am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1

9am – Episcopal 101

9:30 & 11:45am – Choir Practice

10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Teen Bible Study

11:45am – Bishop’s Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Noon – New Beginnings Contemplative Service

Thursday, Sept. 24

12:30pm – Bible Study

Sunday, Sept. 27

8am – Holy Eucharist Rite 1

Archdeacon

9am – Episcopal 101

Barbra Weza

10:15am – Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Preaching

6:00pm – Youth Group

***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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