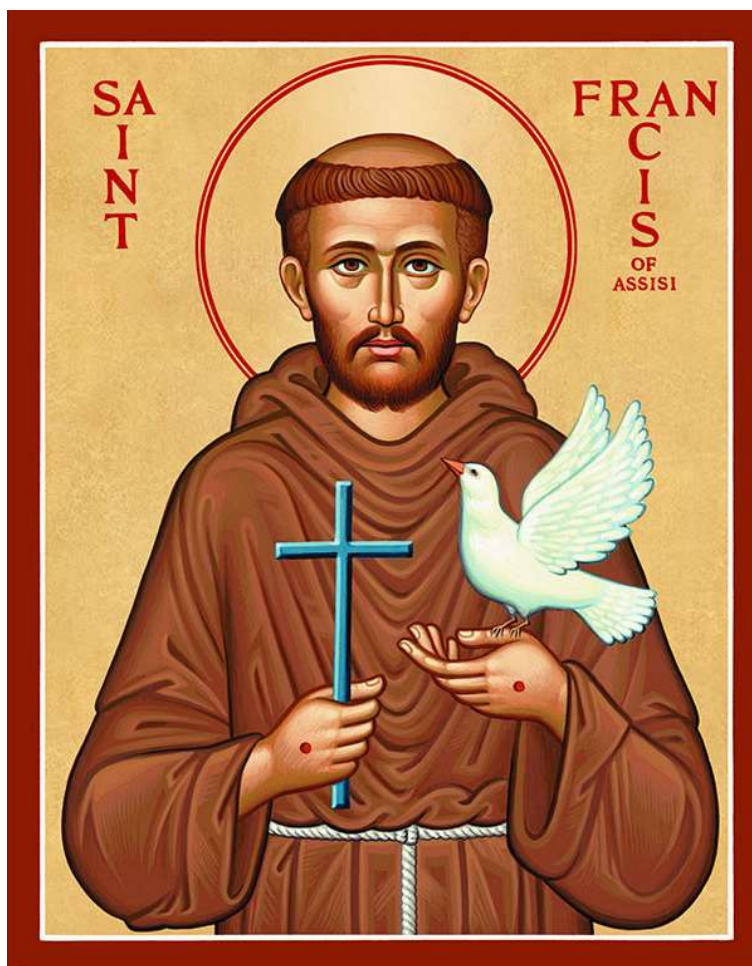


Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 – 10:15 a.m.



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Welcome! We are a diverse community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us, strengthened, nurtured, and guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some of us were received into it as adults, and some of us are discovering it for the first time. We come from various occupations, family configurations, educational backgrounds, interests, and talents. We have found hospitality here, and invite you to join us.

Our religious tradition is best known for the beauty of its Anglican music and liturgy. Contemporary issues are tested by the standards of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. The conscience of the individual is highly respected, and corporate worship is the means by which Christ shapes our moral values, nurtures and guides our spiritual formation, shapes the character and community of the faithful, and equips us for mission and ministry. If you are not currently active in another congregation, please accept this invitation to worship with us, and to make our church your own.

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10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Hymn 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Holy God
 Holy and Mighty
 Holy Immortal One
People **Have Mercy on us.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

- 1 O God, you are my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

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Philippians 4:1-9

My siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

People

Shrinemont Binder #2 vss. 1, 2

Wind, Wind

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Shrinemont Binder #2 vss. 3, 4

Wind, Wind

Sermon

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito

The Nicene Creed

(Note that in Greek the word for "believe" is the same as the word for "trust")

**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

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 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 our President, Donald, our Vice-President, JD, and our Governor, Abigail, and all with governing authority, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

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, especially those on the St. Barnabas’ prayer list, and those we name silently or out loud at this time, 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 caring in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Presider

Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries

All those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are invited to be recognized.

Watch over your *child/children* [____], 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* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants [____ and ____ etc], that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Table

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory

Make Me a Channel

S. Temple

Doxology 124 v. 5

To God the Father

Puer Nobis

**To God the Father, heavenly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise
Our equal and unceasing praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching Our Worship

People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy,
because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and
death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that
when he shall come again in power and great triumph to
judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to
behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.
But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your children,

that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Blessed Barnabas, and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

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

The Blessing

Gracious God, your servant Francis, who reminded us of your great love for all creation by calling each creature of air, sea, and land your sibling. Grant that all creatures gathered here today, large and small, may live lives of praise as you intend. Grant also that we may love your creation and appreciate its sacredness; through the Eternal Majesty, the incarnate Word, and the Holy Breath of God.
Amen.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Individual blessings for nonhuman family members may follow during the Recessional Hymn and postlude.

Hymn 423

Immortal Invisible

St. Denio

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>followed by Coffee Hour</i>
4:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Monday, October 12

10:00 AM	AA Serenity Seekers – Library
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Tuesday, October 13

10:00 AM	Barnabees Craft Group – Richardson Room
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Wednesday, October 14

10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship – Library
8:30 PM	AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room

Thursday, October 15

11:00 AM	Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
6:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)

Sunday, October 18

	<i>Ministry Fair</i>
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>followed by Coffee Hour</i>
2:00 PM	Vietnamese Language School – Education Wing
4:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Participants in the services today are:

8:00 a.m.

Vestry Leader/Closer
Acolyte
Lector
Chalicerist

Dave Wright
Theresa Merchant
Theresa Merchant, Michael Dugger
Michael Dugger, Theresa Merchant

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes
Lectors
Chalicerists
Usher
Coffee Hour Hosts
Flower Guild
Flower Delivery
Counters
Caritas
Altar Guild

Noah, Ciaran, Leah, Cindy
Hugh Agnew, Kate Lauderdale
Michael Dugger, Cindy McLaughlin
PJ Kennedy
Ken and Camille Mittelholtz
Dana Wiseman
Nancy MacLachlan
Sam Batten
Molly Newling
Grace Robbins, Linda Hartman, Mary Yeaman

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Robin Erskine
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Lisa Verstandig
Betty Jo Fortune
John Westerlund, Ed Ing
Kathy Schaefer
Jocelyn Leatherwood, Kristen Anderson, Sharon Jones

Land Acknowledgement

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Piscataway Conoy Nation, whose land we now occupy in this region that was once their home, and that was taken from them. We give thanks for them and their care for this land. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we are charged with stewardship of the Earth, and are all members of our Creator's family. We ask God to help us learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.