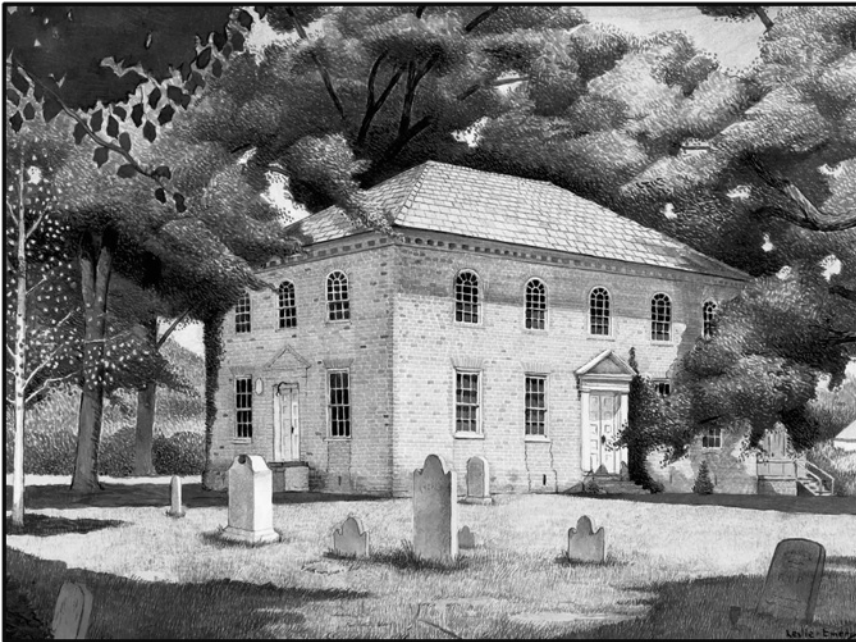


THE FALLS CHURCH

an Episcopal congregation

*A welcoming community called to be an enduring
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Voluntary in D Minor

William Boyce
(1711 - 1779)

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand.

Opening Hymn 435

At the name of Jesus
verses 1 & 4 only

Tune: *King's Weston*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

Gloria

Robert J. Powell
(b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
 and the wonderful works you have done.
- 12 You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 You split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 you made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 You led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.

Children are invited to follow the Crucifer into Nicolson Hall for Children's Chapel.

The Sermon

The Rev'd. Matthew Machowski

The people sit at the invitation of the preacher.

A period of silence follows the homily.

Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.

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

The Leader and People pray responsively while standing.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Michael, Mark, and Gayle, and
for Burl and Matthew,
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Implant in us a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
**that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and
glory.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Ashley
and Brian;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Douglas and Wilma;
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.

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

*The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Confession of Sin

(EOW p. 56)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All kneel.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant 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 people sit.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on BCP page 376, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

The Offertory

*Most High,
omnipotent, good Lord*

words: St. Francis of Assisi
music: Calvin Hampton
(1938 - 1984)

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure. From thee alone all creatures came; no one is worthy thee to name.

My Lord be praised by brother sun who through the skies his course doth run, and shines in brilliant splendor; with brightness he doth fill the day, and signifies thy boundless sway.

My Lord be praised by sister moon and all the stars, that with her soon will point the glittering heavens. Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weathers all, repeat the psalm.

By mother earth my Lord be praised; governed by thee she hath upraised what for our life is needful. Sustained by thee, through every hour, she bringeth forth fruit, herb, and flower.

My Lord be praised by those who prove in free forgivingness their love, nor shrink from tribulation. Happy, who peaceably endure; with thee, Lord, their reward is sure.

During the offertory you are invited to make a gift to God's mission at The Falls Church through Realm (scan QR code over the page), on the website, by texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.



Give Now Online

You may "Give Now" electronically in one of three ways (1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/form/give/now or (3) Texting TFCE to 73256 to give by text message.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Presentation Hymn 679 Surely it is God who saves me Tune: *Thomas Merton*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God 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.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

Sanctus S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert J. Powell
(b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

*Then the Celebrant continues.
The people may kneel or stand.*

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 daughters and sons, that with 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.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-155**Christ our Passover**Gerald Near
(b.1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion

All those who seek the Lord are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations where the priest will offer you the host by placing the wafer in your outstretched palms. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice to your lips, tipping it slightly toward your lips, take a sip of wine, then tip chalice back toward the minister and release your fingers from the base of the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, but would like to partake in this sacramental act, simply touch the chalice with your finger as the minister pronounces the words. Alternatively, simply fold your arms across your chest, and the minister will refrain from offering you the chalice. After receiving Communion, you may return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Should you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you approach them for communion.

Communion Music*Make me a channel of your peace*Sebastian Temple
(1928 - 1997)**Hymn 439**

What wondrous love is this

Tune: *Wondrous Love*

The people stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

(EOW, p. 69)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.

May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.

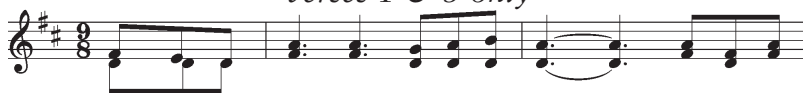
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Blessed assurance verses 1 & 3 only



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my



1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



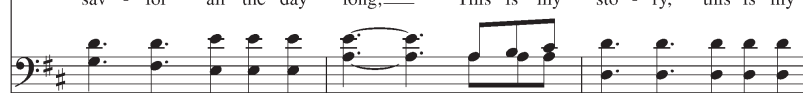
1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —



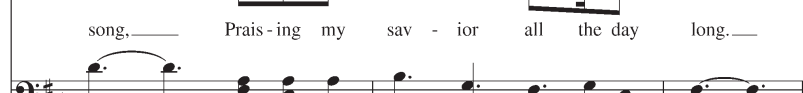
This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my



sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my



song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —



Dismissal

(BCP, p. 366)

Gospeler
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude in D

C. Armstrong Gibbs
(1889 - 1960)

The flowers today are given in celebration of George Sumithran Kannan on the occasion of his birthday by Geoff and Veronica Kannan.

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Celebrant
The Rector

Preacher
The Rev'd. Matthew Machowski

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The Parish Prayer List

For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit

Immediate Needs

Ashley, Brian

Long Term Prayers

Anne, Joanna, Lara, Michael, Michael

Family and Friends

Chris, Elaine, Gareth, Kendall

For the Repose of the Soul of

Douglas C. Haskett II

Wilma Laverne Bazley

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