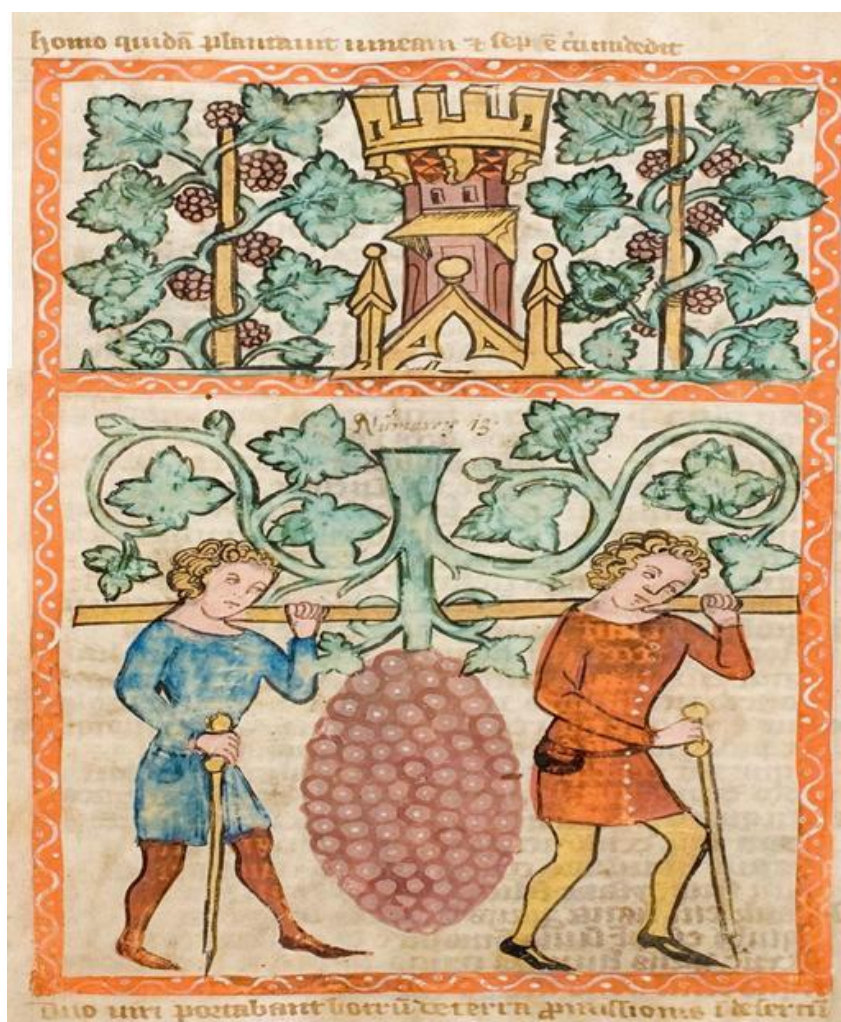


St. Chad's Episcopal Church

Welcome All ~ Follow Jesus ~ Bless Others



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 22

October 4, 2026



Holy Eucharist — Rite II

8:30 and 10:30 am

*To help create a prayerful atmosphere
please silence your cell phone.*

Prelude [10:30] Hymns of Praise

arr. Phillip Keveren

Opening Hymn No. 400 [vs. 1-4, 7]

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,**

Refrain

**O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice: [Refrain]**

**Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light, [Refrain]**

**Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show: [Refrain]**

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: *[Refrain]*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

Gloria *[8:30, spoken] [10:30, sung]*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our
prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to
give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things

for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Old Testament 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!

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

Psalms 80:7–14 *[8:30 & 10:30, spoken in unison]*

- 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.**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Sequence Hymn No. 593 [vs. 1–4]

**Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.**

**Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.**

**Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.**

**May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,**

**for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

Celebrant	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Celebrant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Father Jeremiah Griffin

Nicene Creed

All

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—Creation *People respond with bold words.*

Interceding on behalf of the needs of this world, let us say: **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Loving God, you are present in the wideness of the universe and in the tiniest of your creatures. You embrace with tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty and live in peace with one another and all creation. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

O God of the poor, help us to care for the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Teach us to protect and not prey upon this world, to sow beauty and not destruction. Turn the hearts of those who seek gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Teach us to discover the worth of each creature, to be filled with awe and wonder, and to recognize how profoundly we are united with all creation as we journey towards your infinite light. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

We pray for the nations of the world, that there may be peace among all peoples. Remind us we belong to one another and are called to treat all as neighbors. Give our leaders wisdom and courage to seek the common good and protect the vulnerable. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

We pray for your church throughout the world; for Sean, our presiding bishop; for Michael, our bishop; and for all ministers of your Gospel. Bless and sustain your people, that we may faithfully care for one another and for the creation you have entrusted to us. Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

We pray for all who need your healing touch, especially _____.
Heavenly creator, **we pray to you, Lord.**

We remember before you those who have died, especially _____.

Receive them into your eternal light and grant comfort and hope to all who mourn.
Heavenly creator, **we pray to you, Lord.**

Finally in a moment of quiet, let us each bring before God our own needs and cares, placing them and ourselves in the palm of God's hand.

[Silence]

Heavenly Creator, **we pray to you, O Lord.**

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

All

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

The Absolution

Celebrant

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

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Anthem

St. Chad's Choir

Doxology Hymn No. 43 [vs. 4] [8:30, spoken; 10:30, sung]

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer C

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus [8:30, spoken] [10:30, sung]

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

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
 as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers & Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *[8:30 & 10:30, spoken]*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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 for ever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

[All are welcome to participate in Communion. If you prefer a blessing, cross your arms in front of you. Gluten-free wafers available on request.]

Communion Hymn No. 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded;
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the best that any knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth:
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

The Post Communion Prayer

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn No. 416 [vs. 1-4]

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Adult Christian Formation — 9:30 am, thru October 18, *Half the Story: Recovering Women's Voices in Scripture and Christian History*.

Sunday Youth Gatherings — 11:45 am, October 18 and November 22. Lunch, games, and a lesson.

Season of Creation — 11:45 am **TODAY**. *Making Hope: Practices, Prayers and Parables for a Changing Climate* by O'Neil Van Horn book study and discussion.

Walkie Talkies — on hiatus.

Volunteers Needed — Please consider serving as an usher or greeter, or on Outreach projects, or as a streaming tech. For information on ushers contact Wes Duplantier; for greeters contact Becky Leslie; for Outreach contact Evelyn Turney; and for streaming techs contact Bill Eckel.

**Blessing
of the
Animals**

**Sunday
October 4, 6 pm
St. Chad's Lawn**



Pumpkin Carving

Sunday, October 25

11:45 am

All are Welcome

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