

you
have
given us
bread
from heaven,
O Lord,
all delicate
and
sweet to
taste

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Proper 21 -- Sunday, September 27, 2020
Durham Parish Churchyard



WELCOME

Welcome to 'Old Durham' Church's first Eucharistic worship since Lent. We are taking a variety of precautions in order to gather and celebrate as safely as possible during this time of COVID-19. Please take note of these precautions, and please also recognize that all of this is new to all of us.

The basic precautions are these:

- *Masks are to be worn except momentarily while consuming the sacrament;*
- *six feet social distance is to be maintained, even during the Peace; and*
- *there will be no singing, and limited congregational speaking.*

Many of the spoken "Amen"s have been replaced by a notation to use "Percussion." At these points you are encouraged to ring, rattle, bang, or clap whatever you have at hand.

Holy Communion *is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine. In our Anglican tradition, we understand the entire assembled congregation as the body whose prayers consecrate the elements of bread and wine; the priest does not consecrate the sacrament alone. Because we are required by infection control protocols to offer only pre-consecrated bread, the wafer you receive this morning will be quite stale—consecrated when we last gathered as an assembly in March. The elements that we consecrate this morning will be set aside to be consumed at our next Eucharist.*

While both wine and bread will be consecrated, only the Presider will receive the wine.

When it comes time to distribute the sacrament, please stay in your seating area. The Presider will come to each household to distribute the bread. The Presider will use tongs to place a piece of wafer in your hands. Once the Presider has moved away from your seating area, you may remove your mask for a moment to consume the bread.

If you prefer not to receive Communion, you may cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing.

Restrooms *are located in the Parish Hall, across the parking lot from the church. Please enquire at the Welcome Desk and someone will unlock the Parish Hall for you. Only one person may enter the Hall at a time.*

Special thanks for this service *go to Chris Dudley for the generous loan of his sound system, John Welch and his crew for preparing the space, George Chisholm for maintaining the paperwork, and the Re-gathering Task Force for patiently working through the logistics.*

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. *Percussion.*

GLORIA *(spoken by all)*

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Percussion.***

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

¹From 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. ²The 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?” ³But 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?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The 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. ⁶I 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. ⁷He 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.**

PSALM: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

¹Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

³That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

⁴We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

¹²He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *

in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³He split open the sea and let them pass through; *

he made the waters stand up like walls.

¹⁴He led them with a cloud by day, *

and all the night through with a glow of fire.

¹⁵He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *

and gave them drink as from the great deep.

¹⁶He brought streams out of the cliff, *

and the waters gushed out like rivers.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Presider Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten
the eyes of our hearts,
People **that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.**
Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 23-32

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE 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 *(adapted from the Diocese of Indianapolis)*

Friends in Christ, God is the giver of all good gifts. Let us pray to God in confidence, that God may open our hearts to serve Christ with joy. Please respond to each petition with percussion.

That we may turn to God for guidance and direction as we strive to serve one another and the Church with the gifts God has entrusted to our care,
Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That we may more easily choose to serve rather than to be served, to give rather than to take, to contribute rather than to consume. We pray for the leaders of the nations and those in authority, that there may be peace and a spirit of humility throughout the world.

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That we may learn to more deeply trust God to provide us with all that we need.
Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That we may learn to see the difference between the simple things we need and the many things we want.

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may say “Yes” to what God calls us to do, always remembering that God has done great things for us.

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That, through our good stewardship, we may build up God’s kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That we may recognize the many blessings the poor and needy bring to us even as we seek to share our blessings with them.

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That we may come to more fully realize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share these gifts with all who are in need. We thank you especially for the blessings that we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. *[Pause for volunteered prayers.]*

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That we may learn to see ourselves as God's beloved children who have been called to work in God's kingdom and spread God's love throughout the world.

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That we may find more time to pray, giving thanks for all of God's blessings and asking for guidance in best using the gifts entrusted to our care.

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

That as we look upon the world, we may see the unseen, love the unlovable, and bind up the brokenhearted wherever we find them.

We pray today for those who serve our country at home and abroad, for all those in need of God's healing grace, and for those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. *[Pause for volunteered prayers.]*

Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

Remembering all those who have died, *[full names of deceased]* especially those whom we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts, we pray that we may at length rejoice to share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Open our hearts, Lord, to serve you with joy.

Percussion

Presider

Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all that we are and all that we have is gift from you. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school – to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions. We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you our God have reached out to us. We ask these things in the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Percussion.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

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 on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please maintain 6 feet of 'social distance' as you bow to the Christ you see in your neighbors.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

‘Ashokan Farewell,’

performed by Renae Rohde, violin; David Rohde, guitar; and Chris Dudley, guitar.

OFFERTORY DIALOG

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.

Lots of percussion

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

DISTRIBUTION

Please remain in your seating area. The Presider will come to each household to distribute the bread. The Presider will use tongs to place a piece of wafer in your hands. Once the Presider has moved away from your seating area, you may remove your mask for a moment to consume the bread.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance,

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Percussion.*

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL

The Deacon will dismiss the congregation by household group, allowing for social distance in departures. Please take this bulletin with you; do not discard it at church.

PRAYER LIST

Let us pray...

...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: Jane, Carl, Dian, and Barbara;

...for support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad: Alex, Mike, Wes, Thomas, Steven, Megan, Abby, and Bill;

...for those in need of God's healing grace: Linda, Wayne, Kaitlyn (great-niece of Dian), Thelma (mother of Deacon Susan), Sam and family (son of Chris), Rick, Tom; *Our continuing prayers are offered for:* Frank (father of Frank), Mabel, Dan, Barbara, Vivian (mother of Barbara), Butch, Livvy (mother of Kathy), Buddy, Jeanne, Roy, Luci (aunt of Barbara), Rose (friend of Gloria).

The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville; St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville; United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21) Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations. *The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:* Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

A prayer for patient trust by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To keep current on news and events at church (as well as the current prayer list), go to www.OldDurham.org and sign up for the weekly email news bulletin. Scroll down on the home page until you find "Old Durham News & Notes." In this week's edition:

Doing What Love Requires. Our annual pledge drive is underway. You should receive materials by both email and postal mail. You may return your pledge either electronically or through the mail, and you may fulfill your pledge either by mailing

checks to the church or by going through the PayPal link on the church website. We ask that you return your pledge cards by October 4 to help the Vestry in planning for the 2021 budget.

Wednesday Noon-ish Study. Two more sessions in our current study of the legacy of St. Francis in the church.

Blessing of the Animals. Next Sunday at 4PM we will bless our animals (or our memories of our animals, or our pictures of our animals) in the churchyard. You must register to attend. If you have already filled out a Regathering Covenant, you do not need to that again.

Southern Maryland Regional Gathering, Oct. 3 10AM-12PM. Sign up info is in the eNews.

A Southern Maryland Sacred Ground group will meet to discuss documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. The group will meet at 8pm on the first Monday of each month from October 2020 to June 2021 over Zoom. Sign up info in the eNews.

Diocesan School for Christian Faith and Leadership. Check out the upcoming offerings from the Diocese's new initiative. There's everything from Yoga to Finance.

The Diocesan COVID-19 Hub has links to all sorts of pandemic-related things—information on how you can help or get help.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF DURHAM PARISH

The Annual Meeting of Durham Parish will be held on All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1st 2020, at 12:30PM over Zoom. The link to join the meeting is

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To join by telephone, dial 301-715-8592 and enter Meeting ID: 872 0875 5211 and Passcode: 833606.

Eligible voters for this meeting are listed below. If you have any questions about the list, please contact the Rector or the Senior or Junior Warden. Note that no voters were removed from the list for non-attendance this year, because of the COVID situation.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect two members to the Vestry and to approve a correction to the parish bylaws.

The Vestry candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee are George C. and Rick V. Biographical information about each of them is provided below.

The bylaw correction is to do with who is eligible to be elected Senior or Junior Warden. In the revision of the bylaws approved in November 2018, it states in Article 4, Section b, Paragraph 1, that "A member of the Vestry who has served at least one

full term as a regular Vestry member is eligible for election as Senior or Junior Warden.” This sentence should be corrected to read, “A member of the Vestry who has served at least one full year as a regular Vestry member is eligible for election as Senior or Junior Warden.” The substitution of the word “term” for “year” was an error. A full “term” is 3 years, and it is not always the case that there are members serving on the Vestry who have already completed a 3-year term. In fact, that is the case this year, leaving the parish in the situation of not being able to elect either a Senior or Junior Warden unless this correction to the bylaws is approved.

The 49 eligible voters for this meeting are: <snip>

Statements from the Vestry Nominees:

George: *I came to Durham Parish in 2005 from Port Tobacco Parish in La Plata. Durham was a wonderful Parish where everyone made me feel welcome and it still is a family to me.*

Over many years I have served on the Vestry starting in Port Tobacco Parish and not long after I came to Durham. The Vestry at Durham in the times I have served has been a cooperative and productive group. Vestry service to me has always been an honor and a pleasure.

Currently I am serving on the Finance Committee, Pastoral Committee, Outreach and/ or Mission, and as a website participant. It has always been a pleasure to me to work at the church for the good and benefit of the Church.

Rick: *I officially became a member of Old Durham in 2004. My husband Roy and I were welcomed by this friendly, loving and active parish from the start. I have enjoyed participating in the parish’s many activities such as the annual festival, fish fries, bike ride lunch stop, and the Heritage Garden project.*

I believe God has called me to help Old Durham continue to grow and thrive through these difficult pandemic times. My experience as a member of the Charles Co. Planning Commission and as chair of the parish’s Finance Committee exhibit my ability to work with others with varying viewpoints to achieve goals.

I am so proud of and support Joe’s Place Food Pantry, backpacks for students and other giving activities as they meet critical community needs. My hope is that Old Durham can widen its community involvement by once again hosting open music events (when we can) and other new opportunities. I’d also like to see us broaden our age, cultural and ethnic diversity to reflect that found in the Nanjemoy/ Charles County communities so that the parish can continue to be relevant and thrive.

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