

**ST. ALFRED'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 5 p.m.**

The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant  
The Reverend Dr. William Shiflet, Preacher

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 10 a.m.

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**The Chiming of the Hour** (*Prayerful silence is requested as our worship begins.*)

**The Prelude** *Communion* Louis Vierne

**The Word of God**

**Hymn 709** *O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand* *Dundee*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom 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 in excelsis S 280** Robert Powell

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the following Collect.*

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. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall

be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor..


*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.


**Psalm 124** *Nisi quia Dominus*

Carl Daw and Kevin Hackett

*(The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat it . Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)*

**Antiphon** 

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;

**Antiphon**  Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us. [**Antiphon**]
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth. [**Antiphon**]

**The Epistle: James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 609**

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

*Gardiner*

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*Priest*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. William Shiflet

*(A moment for reflection.)*

## **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**      *The response following each intercession is:*

*Leader* Have mercy, O Lord.

*People* Fill us with all the fullness of your grace.

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest, stands and says*

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. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*Shepherd of Souls*

Alfred Fedak

(The offertory text may be found at No. 343 in the Hymnal.)

*(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)*

#### **Hymn 380, Stanza 3**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus S 125**

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with \_\_\_\_\_ and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant and People*

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**

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**The Fraction Anthem**

*Christ Our Passover*

Gerald Near

(Organ) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; therefore let us  
 keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Communion Anthem**

*O Food to Pilgrims Given*

H. Isaac, J.S. Bach

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by All)*

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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.

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 635**

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

*Wer nur den lieben Gott*

**The Dismissal**

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*The People respond* Thanks be to God.

*(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)*

**Postlude**

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

**Altar Flowers**

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Deidre Herndon in memory of Marge Kawolics on her birthday, September 27.

**Coffee Hour**

Please join us for coffee hour in Reister Hall immediately following the service.  
Reister Hall is located to your left as you exit the church building.

## Prayer List

*Please pray for*

David	Kitty Hooper	Our nation
Michele, Charlotte and John	Alex and Diane Hugill	All who serve our
Sarah	Teresa Jackson	country at home and
Teresa	Ralph & Charlotte Jordan	abroad
David and Lynne Aukamp	Sara Kessinger	Those affected by
David Bliss	Fran Lever	COVID
Fr. Mike and Margaret Branscombe & Liz	Diane Linindoll	Healthcare Workers
Beverly Butters	Cindy Logsdon	Victims of violence
Keith Crank & Family	Jeannie Mahnke	Victims of natural
Doug Kundrat	Fran Martin	disasters
Jennifer Dean	Robin Tiner	The people of Israel,
Dan Groothuis	Wally and Joan Tyson	Palestine, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and all places torn by strife

### Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 30	7 p.m., Bible Study (Library & Zoom)
Tuesday, October 1	10 a.m., Communications Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, October 2	10 a.m., Book Club (Library) 7 p.m., Bell Choir (Church)
Thursday - October 3	10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) <b>12 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Healing</b> 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m., AA Meeting (Reister Hall)
Friday, October 4	10 a.m., GriefShare (Library) 1:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group (Library)
<b>Saturday, October 5</b> <b>20 Pentecost</b>	8:30 a.m., Grower's Group 2 p.m., Rice Bagging/Outreach Meeting (Library) <b>5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I</b>
<b>Sunday, October 6</b> <b>20 Pentecost</b>	<b>10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II</b> 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12 p.m., Adult Faith Formation (Library & Zoom)

— *Announcements* —

**Stewardship Pledge Campaign**

We are all called by God to be good stewards, and this extends to our care and financial support of our beloved parish. Soon you will be receiving materials in the mail including letters from Fr. Peter and Hanna Wescott, our treasurer, a pledge card, and a statement reflecting your 2024 pledge. Sr. Warden, Scott Garrett, and parishioner, Marcus Ingram will share their insights on the fundamental connection between discipleship and financial generosity. Your Stewardship team thanks you in advance for your faithful support of the life and ministry of St. Alfred's.

**Organ Concert, Sunday, October 13**

Kevin Johnson will be presenting an organ concert assisted by Laurel Bennett, Clarinet and Scott Garrett, Flute on Sunday afternoon, October 13 at 4 p.m. This event is part of a continuing celebration of the second year of our new organ. A free-will offering will be received. A reception will follow the program.

**Tour of the Christopher Still Exhibit, Wednesday, October 23**

Christopher Still, the artist who painted the murals at St. Alfred's, will be giving a tour of his artwork which is on exhibit at the Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum, located at 100 Beekman Lane in Tarpon Springs. We will meet at the museum at 10:30 a.m. for the tour. Lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Rusty Bellies Waterfront Grill located at 937 Dodecanese Blvd., Tarpon Springs.

**St. Alfred's Day Potluck, Sunday, October 27**

Sunday morning, October 27 following the 10 a.m. Eucharist there will be a potluck luncheon in Reister Hall to celebrate our patronal feast day. Please plan to bring a dish to share and join in the celebration of God's work at St. Alfred's.

*Communion* - Louis Vierne, MorningStar Music Publishers  
*Psalm Antiphon (from the Hymn Tune Psalter)* - Carl Daw and Kevin Hackett, Church Publishing, Inc.  
*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* - J.S. Bach, Concordia House Publishing Company  
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