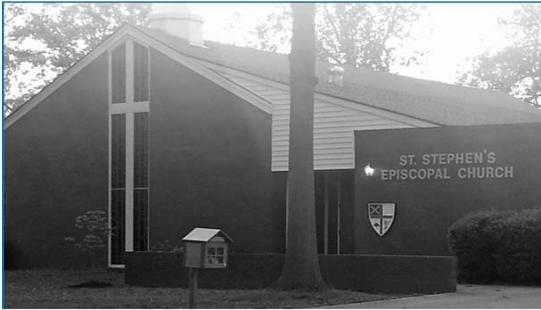


# 16 after Pentecost, Proper 18

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# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Gathering Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #416 - For the beauty of the earth

## Opening Acclamation

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

**People** *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

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.*

## Song of Praise

*The Hymnal 1982 #428*

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him  
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less  
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and  
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter  
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and  
2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,  
3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,  
4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,  
5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
 2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
 3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
 4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
 5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless  
 the God we bow before,  
 the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,  
 and praise him evermore.

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## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** God be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

*The people sit.*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Word of God

*The people sit.*

### First Reading

A reading from The Book of Jeremiah (18:1-11).

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>

The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup> Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup> And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup> but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup> Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 139:1-5,12-17**

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*Domine, probasti*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number  
than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to  
be like yours.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from The Letter of Paul to Philemon (1-21).

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,

<sup>2</sup> to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the  
church in your house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I  
always thank my God <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints  
and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the sharing of your

faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Sequence Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #577 - God is love and where true love is

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
(14:25-33).

Glory to you, Lord Christ

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

*The people sit.*

## **Sermon**

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together*

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 people stand, or kneel as they are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Leader**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all  
bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

### **Leader and People**

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Absolution**

*Bishop or Priest*

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 people stand as they are able.*

## **The Peace**

**Celebrant**            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**                *And also with you.*

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

## **The Holy Communion**

*The people sit.*

### **Our work this week**

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*The Priest says*

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982 # 380, vs 3*

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**

**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.

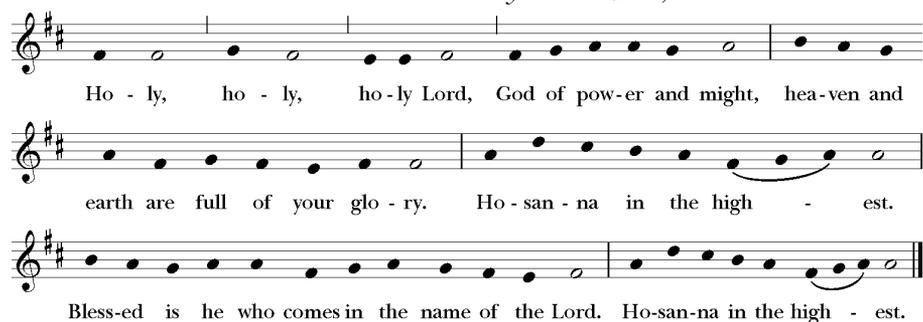
**People**                *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

## *Celebrant*

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 sing (say):

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124*



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.

*The people stand, or kneel as they are able.*

### *The Celebrant continues*

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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. *AMEN.*

*The People respond Amen.*

# Lord's Prayer

**Celebrant** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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; the celebrant and people sing*

*Wonder Love and Praise #878*

The musical score is for the hymn 'Wonder Love and Praise #878'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics 'Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst." The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: a right-hand treble clef staff and a left-hand bass clef staff. The right-hand part features a series of chords, some with triplets, while the left-hand part provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

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

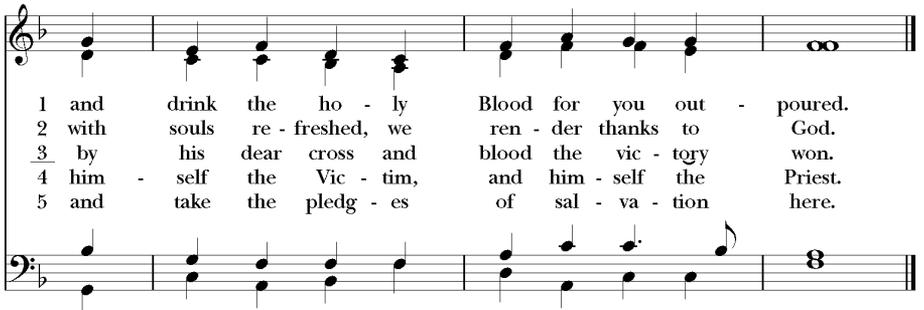
*All are invited to receive communion. Come to the rail, extend your hands one over the other, the minister will place bread in your palm, which you consume; to receive wine raise your hands, the minister will offer you the chalice, please guide it to your lips and sip. If you choose not to receive you may receive a blessing; cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. You may choose to remain seated.*

# Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982 #328 - Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord*



1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,  
2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,  
3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,  
4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.  
4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.  
5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow  
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: *Bangor Antiphoner*, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Song 46*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **Postcommunion 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. Amen.

### **Blessing**

*The Bishop or Priest says*  
God's Blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. *Amen.*

### **Going Forth**

The Hymnal 1982 #400 - All creatures of our God and King

### **Dismissal**

**Deacon**                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**                        *Thanks be to God.*

## **Prayers**

Janet, Amber, Josh, Harlan, Sandy, Diane, Lisa, Tammy, Betty, Joe, Bill, Mary, Angie, Marcel, Barbara Dale, Gene, Tucker and Ellen, Kelly, Kelly, Susanne, Randy, Sue, Wally Ann and Hughes, Jeff, Bruce, Christie, Charles, Chuck, Shelby, Jamie & family, Jack and Family, Chris, Elaine, Susan, Sharon, Randolph family, Friday Families, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those suffering from seasonal storms and fires, those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name:

Thanksgiving for Blake and Bailey's marriage

Those who have died:

## **Calendar**

9/4 16th Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 18

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

9/6 6:00 pm Al Anon

9/9 Friday Families

9/11 17th Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 19

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

# Announcements

## Acolytes

<b>Date</b>	<b>Proper</b>	<b>1st Server</b>	<b>2nd Server</b>	<b>People's Gift &amp; Alms</b>
9/4		Mike	Belle	Amy
9/11		Deanna	Will	Emily
9/18		Belle	Amy	Mike
9/25		Will	Emily	Deanna

## Worship Leaders

Date	Proper	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Intercessor
				Psalmist	
9/4	15 Pent Proper 18	Eucharist	Mike	Liz	Beth
				Deanna	
9/11	16 Pent Proper 19	Eucharist	Liz	Beth	Mike
				Amy	
9/18	17 Pent Proper 20	Eucharist	Beth	Mike	Mike
9/25	18 Pent Proper 21	Eucharist	Mike	Ed	Beth





**Prayer List Request**

Please add the following to St Stephen's Prayer list:

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Please add \_\_\_\_\_ to St Stephen's  
remembrance of the dead (date of death: MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_)

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