



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
September 17, 2023 + 10:30 a.m.
In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome!

Come and See
the difference Christ makes



Congregational responses are in **bold**. We invite you to join in the singing of all hymns and service music.

Scripture readings may be found at www.lectionarypage.net or in the pew Bibles.

+ indicates please stand as able, * please kneel as able, – please be seated

The Word of God

Voluntary Fanfare (Psalm 81:1-3) John Cook
Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

+**Hymn in Procession** # 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee Hymnal 1982

Salutation Book of Common Prayer, 355
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria S-280 Hymnal 1982
Service music ("S") is found in the first section of the Hymnal 1982

Collect of the Day Book of Common Prayer, 233
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

–**First Lesson** (Found on page 47 of the pew Bible-Old Testament) Exodus 14:19-31
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 Sung by choir. chant, George Garrett, BCP, 756
1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of
strange speech,
2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
6 You mountains, that you skipped like
rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the
Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of
water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Lesson (page 124 of the pew Bible- New Testament) Romans 14:1-12
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+ **Gradual Hymn** #648 When Israel was in Egypt's land Hymnal 1982

Holy Gospel (page 16 of the pew Bible- New Testament) Matthew 18:21-35
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

-Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

Sermon Notes for Reflection

- What is the central story of your life and faith?
- How do you react when you're not sure where to go?
- Where do you sense the Spirit moving in our Church and in your life?
- What fears and doubts make you want to go back to what was?
- What practices are you using to cultivate active and attentive waiting?
- When was a time that you knew that the Lord was on your side?
- What courageous steps do you sense the Spirit nudging you/us towards?

+Nicene Creed

BCP, 358

***Prayers of the People**

adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People

Deacon: Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love, saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

Intercessor: For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation: for their safety and well-being, for the relief of their sufferings, especially for the people of Morocco after the earthquake there, for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst, and for the overcoming of enmity, let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For those peoples we have come to view as enemies: for those who see things from different perspectives than we do, for those we have wronged, for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship, let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For the churches of the world: for the healing of divisions, for growth in understanding, for devotion to the truth of the Gospel, for our mutual enrichment, and for full communion empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For the needs and concerns of this parish: for the Spirit's blessing and guidance upon our staff, for our Vestry and volunteers, for those in our Confirmation and New Member class, for those preparing for marriage, for our upcoming retreats and programs, let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For our homes and families: for an end to feuds, for release from the cycle of violence, for the healing of painful memories, for forgiveness and peace between those who are in conflict, for patience in bearing with one another, let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For those we love: for all those dear to us, trusting that God is doing for them better things than we can ask for or imagine; for *Jean, John, Patsy, Fred*, and any you wish to remember at this time....(*silence*); for all those whom we love but see no longer, let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

For all of the people and situations that we carry in our hearts and minds...(*silence*), let us pray to the Lord. **We beseech you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

from Common Worship (Church of England)

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

–Welcome & Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

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Offertory How shall I sing that majesty *Sung by choir.*

#663, Hymns Ancient & Modern

1 How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

2 Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

4 How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

+Doxology: Hymn #380, verse 3

Hymnal 1982

*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.*

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, 369

Sanctus S-125

Richard Proulx, Hymnal 1982

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

Fraction Anthem S-155

Gerald Near, Hymnal 1982

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Communion Hymn #576 God is love

Hymnal 1982

+Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP, 366

Hymn in Procession #635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary Wer nur den lieben Gott

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Please remain seated or exit quietly during the closing voluntary,
allowing those who wish to listen or pray to do so.**

Servers This Week: *Ushers:* Bob Setzer, Andy Lund, Pennie Martin, Erik Lipscomb; *Greeter:* Ryan Poag; *Emergency Response:* Greg Shields, Mark Stephenson; *Lectors:* Mary Ann McCubbin, Ryan Poag; *Chalicians:* Chip Carter, Kathy Carter; *Intercessor:* Pennie Martin; *Acolytes:* Clara Tinsley, Marlee Speir, Eleanor Black, Rachel Tinsley; *Vergers:* Ann Dunn; *Vestry Deposit:* Ed Hall, Bob Setzer; *Nursery:* Tyler Black; *Children's Church:* Katie Setzer, Alex Phoenix

Servers Next Week: *Ushers:* Stephanie Phoenix, Gene Krueger, Tommy Thompson; *Greeter:* Pennie Martin; *Emergency Response:* Stephen Collins, Cris Leckonby; *Lectors:* Chip Carter, Jennifer McKinney; *Chalicians:* Dick Martin, Pennie Martin; *Intercessor:* Kathy Carter; *Acolytes:* Addison Griffith, August Hoffman James Stephenson, Rowen Black; *Vergers:* Greg Shields; *Vestry Deposit:* Stephen Collins, Mary Plumley; *Nursery:* Danielle Corriher; *Children's Church:* Hannah and Andrew Jacobson

Eucharist candle in memory of: Mr. and Mrs. James G. Beaver, Rev. and Mrs. Richard S. Martin; given by Pennie and Dick Martin

Office candle in memory of: McRay and Sue Robinson, Julia Green King; given by Jamie and Susan King

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of: Sue Sample Bryan, James Blount Bryan, Blount and Annette S. Bryan, James and Sue H. Sample, Dr. Roland R. King; given by Marilyn King and Sturges Bryan

Altar Flowers in memory of: Ruth P. Trollinger, Edward D. Trollinger and Charlotte Walker; given by Gail and Wayne Mosher

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