

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mass ~ Rite II ~ Year A

September 12, at 4:00 p.m. & September 13, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Opening Voluntary

Introit: *Da pacem*
GIVE peace, O LORD, to them that wait for thee, and let thy Prophets be found faith- ful: regard the prayers of thy servant, and of thy people Israel. I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be...

[standing]
Processional Hymn “Father, we praise thee” Hymnal 1

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

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. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pews.]
*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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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The First Lesson Genesis 50:15-21 *[Seated.]*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13 *Benedic, anima mea*



1 Bless the LORD,¹O my¹soul,*
and all that is within me,¹bless his¹holy¹Name.

2 Bless the LORD,¹ O my¹ soul, *
and for¹get not¹ all his¹ benefits.

3 He forgives¹ all your¹ sins *
and¹ heāls¹ all your in¹firmities;

4 He redeems your¹life from the¹grave *
and crowns you with¹mercy and¹loving-kindness

5 He satisfies you with ¹göod¹ things, *
and your ¹youth is re¹newed like an ¹eagle's.

6 The LORD ¹executes ¹righteousness *
and judgment for ¹all who ¹are op ¹pressed.

7 He made his ways¹ known to¹ Moses *
and his¹ works to the¹ children of¹ Israel.

8 The LORD is full of com¹pas²sion and¹mercy, *
slow to¹anger and of¹gr²eat¹kindness.

9 He will not ¹always ac¹cuse us,*
nor will he ¹keep his ¹anger for ¹ever.

10 He has not dealt with us ac'cording to our¹ sins,*
nor rewarded us ac'cording¹ to our¹ wickedness.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

Hymnal 410

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Voluntary

Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

The Lord’s Prayer *[Sung at 10:30 a.m. Hymnal III9.]*

***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
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei* *[Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew]*

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us your peace.***

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Verse: *BRING offerings, and come into his courts: O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

Communion Hymn “My God, thy table now is spread” Hymnal 321

The Post-communion Prayer *[Kneel as able.]* BCP 365-6

11 For as the heavens are¹high² above the¹earth, *
so is his mercy¹great² upon¹those who¹fear him.

12 As far as the¹east² is from the¹west, *
so far has he re¹moved our¹sins² from us.

13 As a father¹cares² for his¹children, *
so does the LORD¹care for¹those who¹fear him.

The Epistle Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

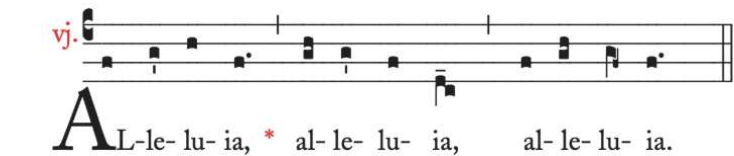
Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

The Sequence Hymn “Forgive our sins as we forgive” Hymnal 674



Verse: *The nations shall fear thy Name, O LORD: (choir)
and all the kings of the earth thy majesty.*

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Matthew 18:21-35

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

The Sermon	Dr. Victor Matthews
The Nicene Creed	Prayer Book 358
The Prayers of the People (Form II)	Prayer Book 385

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution	Prayer Book 360
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The Peace
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
Verse: MOSES consecrated an altar unto the Lord, offering burnt offerings upon it, and sacrificing peace offerings; and he made an evening sacrifice for a sweet-smelling savour unto the Lord God, in the sight of the children of Israel.	
Anthem:	Behold, O God Our Defender Noel Rawsthorne
	Behold, O God our defender; and look upon the face of thine anointed. For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

Hymn:	“Come down, O Love divine”	Hymnal 516
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The Great Thanksgiving	
The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A)	Prayer Book 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: Welift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Kneel as able.]
Celebrant
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
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:

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Music in the pew.]
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.

[Kneel as able, stand.]
The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words, the Celebrant holds or lays a hand upon the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, he holds or lays a hand upon the cup or any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.”

Memorial Acclamation Therefore we proclaim the mystery the faith:
Celebrant and People

Christ has died
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.