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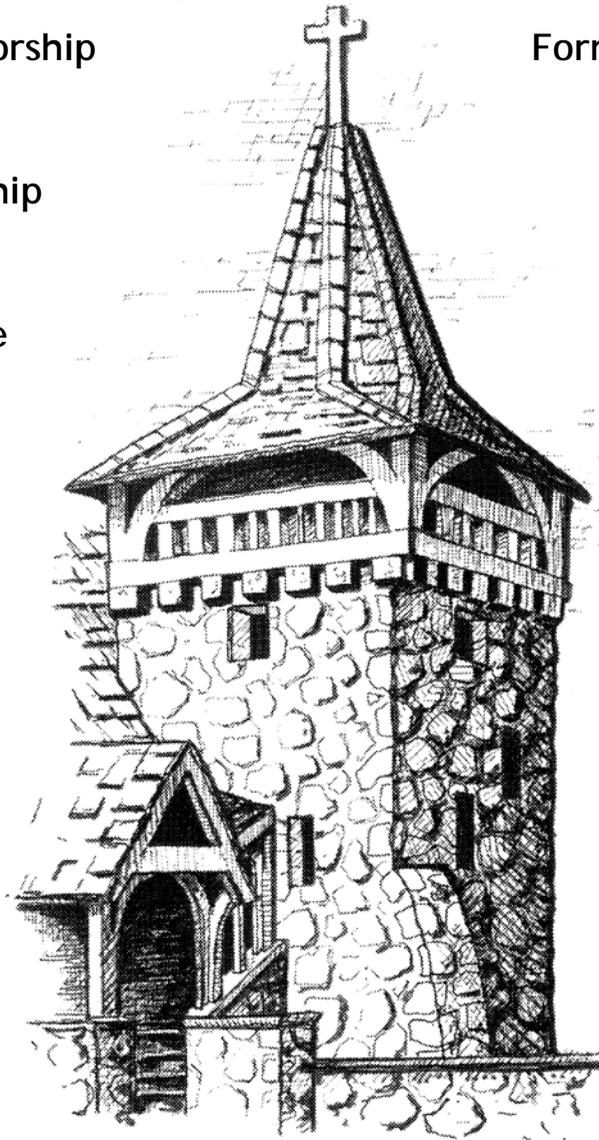
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# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

EIGHT IN THE MORNING

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

*BCP page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Music for the hymn is found in the blue Hymnal 1982. The Great Bell "Bethlehem" sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

**The Opening Acclamation, Collect for Purity, and Summary of the Law**      **BCP page 323**

*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 whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

#### The Gloria

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**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

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*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### The Lessons

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*The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say*

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

## *A Reading from the Book of Proverbs (1:20-33)*

*The Gradual Psalm 19 Caeli enarrant*

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- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \* and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \* and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \* and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \* and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \* and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \* cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## *A Reading from the Letter of James (3:1-12)*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (8:27-38)***

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says* The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Homily**

*The Rev'd Joshua McGuffie*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**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**

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*The Deacon or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop, for John, the bishop of Los Angeles and Diane our bishop suffragan; and Michael, Josh, and Ed our clergy, that they may both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We pray for those parishioners celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially, \_\_\_\_\_

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe our President, Gavin our Governor, the Congress and Legislature, and the Courts that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We remember and pray for other blessings, we now name silently or aloud.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and for any other needs or concerns we name silently or aloud.

For the larger church, we pray for \_\_\_\_\_. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for \_\_\_\_\_. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer on this Sunday we pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, \_\_\_\_\_, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, the patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## The Confession of Sin

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*Celebrant or Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,**

**which we from time to time most grievously have committed,**

**by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,**

**provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**

**the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;**

**and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution and the Comfortable Words.*

## The Peace

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. Representatives of the congregation would in non-pandemic times bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the altar is prepared.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. (*Here a proper preface is inserted.*) Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance

of me.” Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

*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

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then may be said*

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

*The following Fraction Anthem may be said*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under**

**thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *(And may add)* Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Please follow the directions of the ushers to approach the Communion Station. The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

**All are welcome to receive of this sacrament of Christ's Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest or deacon distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind.**

*For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –*

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.**

**(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*The people then stand and sing* **The Final Hymn No. 420**

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*The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Voluntary: Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

*Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary or kneel in meditation.*



# Announcements for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 12, 2021

**IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY**, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP** will be gathering at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Matt Denny's Restaurant located at 145 E. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at [ray@madre.net](mailto:ray@madre.net) or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

**THE RECTOR'S FORUM** (Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-10:00 AM) We have started a new book – [The Mystery of Faith](#), by John-Francis Friendship. The Forum has resumed meeting in person in the Rector's Office.

**WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST:** Sundays, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursdays at 8:15am

**BETWEEN THE MASSES** - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person today in the Parish Hall. The group meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

**LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY:** Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

**CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK** (taken from Holy Women, Holy Men):  
**9/13 – John Chrysostom** (*Bishop of Constantinople, 407*) **9/14 – The Feast of the Holy Cross** **9/16 – Ninian** (*Bishop in Galway, c.430*) **9/17 – Hildegard of Bingen** (*Nun, 1179*); **9/18–Edward Bouverie Pusey** (*Priest, 1882*);

**LEADERSHIP:** *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

*Assisting the Rector:* The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski  
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

*Director of Music and Organist:* Dr. Debora Huffman; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;  
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