



Sunday, September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00a

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The Holy Eucharist

A bell will ring 2-3 minutes before the service begins for silent prayer.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 1, *The Hymnal 1982*, Father, we praise thee, now the night is over



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -

ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
 nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
 sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

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Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity – *said by celebrant*

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.**

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest Hymnal: My Heart Sings Out

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
 earth. — Lord, God, hea-ven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of — God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
 mer - cy on us; — you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther re -

ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day – *said by the celebrant*

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.*

Please be seated for the lessons.

A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
 the tongue of a teacher,
 that I may know how to sustain
 the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
 wakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious,
 I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
 therefore I have set my face like flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
 he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-8 (*taken from the St. Helena's Psalter*)

I love you, O God, because you have heard the voice of my
supplication, *

because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon your holy Name: *

“O God, I pray you, save my life.”

Gracious are you and righteous; *

you are full of compassion.

You watch over the innocent; *

I was brought very low, and you helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *

for God has treated you well.

For you, O God, have rescued my life from death, *

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of God, *

in the land of the living.

A reading from James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for

Hymn 757, *Wonder Love and Praise*, Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
 5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. | 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord;
Praise to you Lord Christ.

Please be seated for the
 The Sermon The Rev. Rick Swanson, Rector

Please stand as you are able for 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.

Please remain standing as you are able for the Prayers of People

The Leader says

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

Silence

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. For the peace and unity of the Church of God, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, Have mercy.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael our presiding bishop, Shannon our bishop, Richard and Zarina 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; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, Have mercy.

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; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, Have mercy.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially

Joseph, our president and Philip, our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, Have mercy.

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; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, Have mercy.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor: *the congregation is invited to pray for those in need either silently or aloud* and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, Have mercy.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially *the congregation is invited to pray for those who have died either silently or aloud*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, Have mercy.

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

The deacon bids the confession

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

Silence is kept.

Leader 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 pronounces the absolution,

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 of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The clergy and people exchange greetings with one another in the name of the Lord. At this time, we ask that during the peace, everyone stays in their own seat and verbally exchanges words of greeting and peace. Members of the same family may certainly touch one another, but otherwise the greeting should be words or a bow. We all have different feelings about being touched at this time, and erring on the side of reserve for that is most appropriate

Hymn 522, *The Hymnal 1982*, Glorious things of thee are spoken

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from c -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver
 on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his
 sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.
 round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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The Great Thanksgiving

The following Eucharistic prayer was approved by the 2018 General Convention of The Episcopal Church. It is approved for use by Bishop MacVean-Brown for use in the Episcopal Church in Vermont. This modification of Eucharist Prayer A, as originally found in the Book of Common Prayer 1979, introduces expansive language to express the divine presence of God that is not gender specific.

The celebrant 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav - en 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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en 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 score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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

**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 Celebrant breaks the bread and says

We break this bread to share the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Celebrant then says

The gifts of God for the people of God.

No matter where your faith journey has taken you, or where it may be leading you today, all are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's in the Mountains Episcopal Church. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread. The chalice will not be shared at this time. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn - Instrumental

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, O God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the
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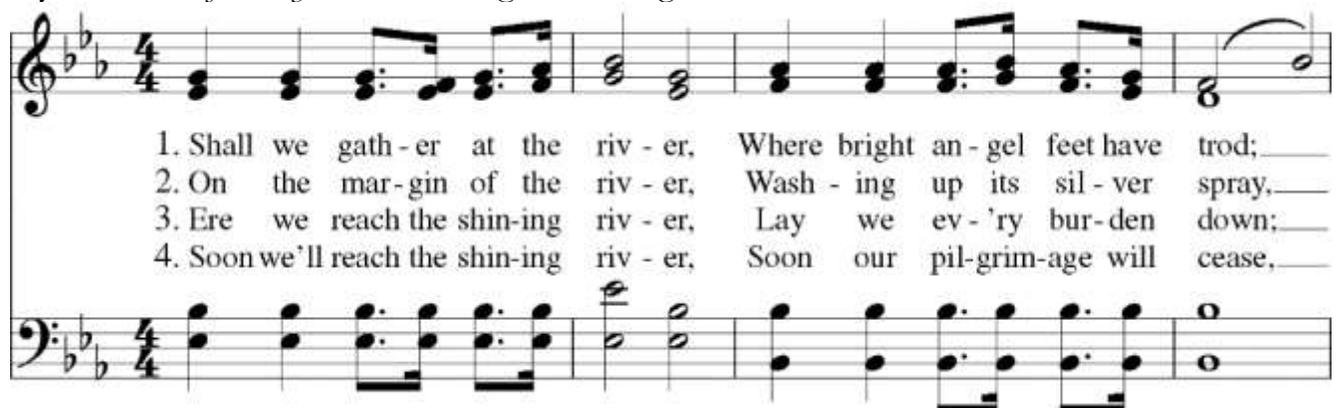
Please stand as you are able for the
Blessing

The deacon offers the
Dismissal

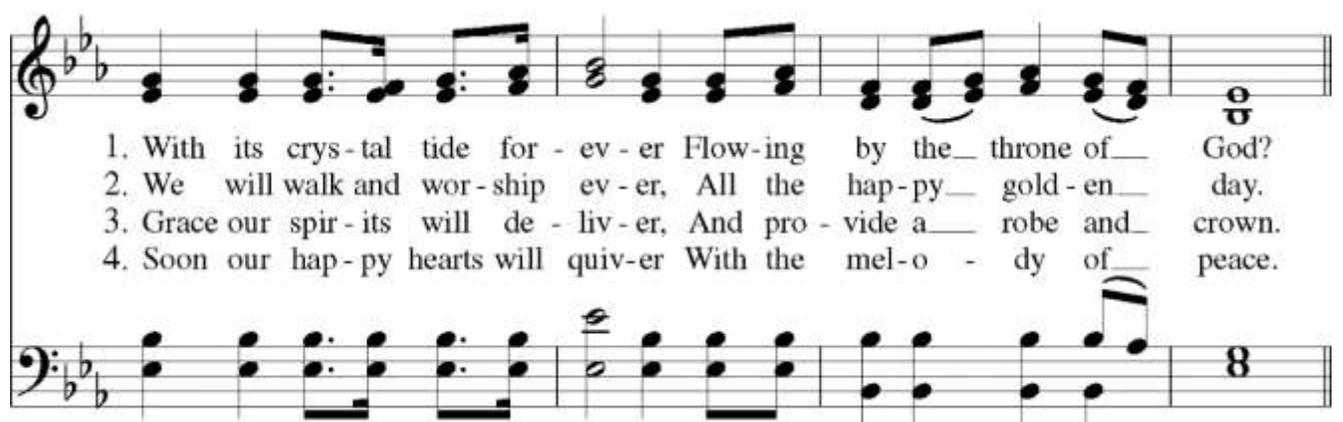
The people respond

Thanks be to God

Hymn 141, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, Shall we gather at the river



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; ___
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, ___
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; ___
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, ___



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful_ riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints_ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of_ God.

Participants in today's service:

- Celebrant:** The Rev. Dr. Richard R. Swanson, Rector
- Deacon:** The Rev. Zarina Suarez O'Hagin
- Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Richard R. Swanson
- Lectors:** Roger Nicholls and Maria Davies
- Intercessor:** Sandy Duncan
- Acolyte:**
- Musician:** Audrey Coty

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