



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “Air”: Bach and “Sonata in F Major” by Marcello
Dr. Sasha Pereverzeva (cello)
Andrew Gregg (piano)

Opening Hymn 8: “Morning Has Broken”

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: “Come Thou Fount” (v.3)

Oh to grace how great a debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness like a fetter,

Bind my wandering heart to thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it,

Prone to leave the God I love

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,

Seal it for thy courts above

The First Reading: *Romans 14:1-6;10-12*

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.

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.**

Psalm: *103:1-7* (read responsively by whole verse)

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

Sequence Hymn: “O Come to the Altar”

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait,
Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born,
Jesus is calling. (Refrain)

*O come to the altar,
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon: "The Extravagance of Jesus"
The Rev. Rob Dixon

Holy Baptism (p. 301 BCP)

Baptismal Covenant (p. 304)

Prayers for the Candidates (Kneeling as you are able)

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Welcome The Newly Baptized: (p. BCP 308)

We welcome you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood. others.

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

**For Giving
Electronically**

*Point phone
camera at this
Image.*

Thank You!





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 369 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision”:

arranged by Andrew Gregg
Dr. Sasha Pereverzeva (cello)
Stephanie Backes (clarinet)
Andrew Gregg (piano)

The Doxology 380: (v. 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. Amen.

Sanctus S-129

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.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Communion Hymn: “Meditation”

Dr. Sasha Pereverzeva (cello)
Stephanie Backes (clarinet)
Andrew Gregg (piano)

Communion Hymn: “Who You Say I Am/It is Well” (see insert)

Communion Hymn: “Your Grace is Enough” (see insert)

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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

Closing Hymn 680: “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Mary Shontz
Ambassadors: Jane Briscione
Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin
Readers: Isabelle Peterson, Ed Austin

10:30am

DOD: Howard Johnson
Acolytes: Evelyn Spain, Grace Andrew
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman
Chalice Bearers: Miya May Iversen, & Madeleine Hutchison
Readers: Lucy Brabham, John Holder

Flower Dedications

In Loving Memory of Mary Harrison

Your Sermon Notes:

Prayer List

Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.

Requested Prayer

Angel, Ann, Anne M, Arlie, Art, Barbara S., Bobby, Brad, Brenna, Byron, Carolyn, Chloe, Cindy B., Cindy R., Connie, Cory, Crystal, Curt, Della, David P., Diane P., Don, Elaine, Fay, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Herman, Ivy, Jack, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Jimmy M., John H., John J., Jonathan U., Joyce Ba., Joyce Bu., Judy, Karen, Kathy B., Kathy M., Kathy S., Keith, Kelli, Kenneth, Linda, Mabel, Mallory, Manuel L., Manuel S., Marguerite, Marilyn, Mary, Martha, Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Nancy S., Phyllis, Rachel L., Ralph, Richard, Sally, Sarah, Seth, Sheri L., Sherry Jo, The Longbrake Family, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Thomas S., Tom L., Victor, Virginia, Wade, Walt, Wendy, William B., & William Z.

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

Leanne Beaumont
Ted Kirchharr

Rest of the Soul

Victims from Hurrican Idalia

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