

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am

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The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal)

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The Word of God

The Prelude

Morning has Broken

arr. Andrew Clarke

Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.

The Opening Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The 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.

The Collect of the Day

People The Lord be with you.

Celebrant **And also with you.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the scripture appointed.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Genesis (50:15-21)

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.

People The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:8-13 *(prayed responsively by whole verse.)*

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

People: He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger forever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

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

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading of the gospel.

The Sequence Hymn 674 "Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Detroit

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 18:21-35

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

You may continue to stand or sit or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Prayers of the People

We lift our petitions to Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, saying “hear our prayer.”

God of mercy and compassion, we pray for the people of all churches, that they live in the promise of your love from which we cannot be separated. In our own diocese we pray especially for Christ Church, Medway; St. Michael’s Church and Church of Our Saviour, Milton; St. John’s Church, Westwood; Trinity Church, Stoughton; and the Trustees of Donations. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Grant us a holy unity with all living things. Deepen in us reverence for the earth you have made and for the systems and resources which sustain us. Guide us more and more to preserve and protect. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Keep us hungry for your justice. Strengthen in us compassion for the victims of racism, crime, violence, deportation and wrongful conviction. Embolden those in public authority across the world to speak your truth and safeguard the dignity of all. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Make us instruments of your peace. We raise up to you Russia and Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Iran and the nations of the Middle East; Haiti, Sudan and South Sudan and all regions of the world torn apart by war and civil unrest. We pray for peace and a renewal of collaboration and compassion in our own nation. For an end to gun violence. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Heal the sick and mend what is broken in our own lives and in the lives of those who have asked for our prayers, including Terese Brown, Maureen Cardenas, the Gallahue family, Joanne Gamble, Nancy Haak, Joan, Andrew Payne, Pam Soderholm, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Dottie Walsh, Alex, Bob, Carole, Cathi, Charlie, Dave, Kristy, Lauren, Pat, Rachel and Sally. and those we name before you now. (PAUSE) Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Hold fast to those who have died, that they may live forever in your changeless light and love. We name before you those we love and see no longer (PAUSE). Into your hands we commend them. God of love,
hear our prayer.

The Concluding Collect

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Release us from all the hindrances our growth in your love and make us one through Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Now My Dear Companions

Augustus Blasé(1870)

Now, my dear companions, is the time to start anew
for the kingdom of heaven.
With faith and zeal and courage strong
we will ever be marching on, toiling on,
struggling on for a perfect heaven.
We will not be hindered while we walk the narrow way
with our gospel kindred.
But every foe that comes in view
in ourselves we will subdue,
and be true to subdue
the way that leads to glory.

Please stand as you are able as our offering is presented.

The Offertory Hymn 321, My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, hymn-like tune. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation, as we sing:

Sanctus WLP 857

African arr. Pulkingham

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est

You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: *"Take, eat This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and 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.

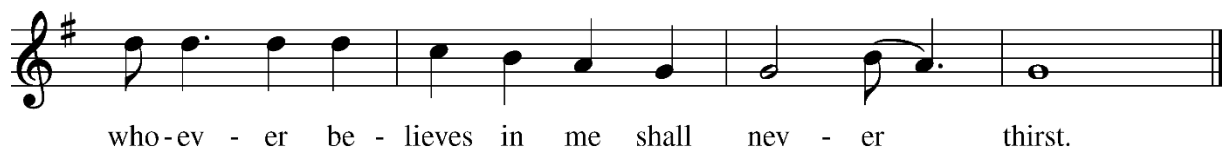
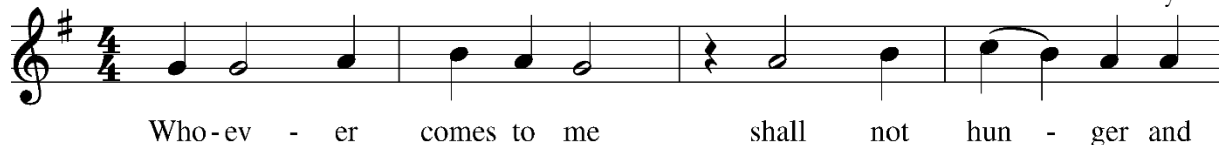
The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

WLP 878 Whoever comes to me

Carl Haywood



The gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

We offer the following prayer each week in solidarity with those viewing from home.

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Waiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.

The Communion Hymns

Hymn WLP 825 Bless the Lord my soul *(green hymnal)*

Jacque Berthier

Hymn 376 Joyful, joyful

Hymn to Joy

Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion

Enriching Our Worship

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

The Blessing

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you.
Be kind to yourself and to one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High.
Be alert and receptive, for sometimes God is but a whisper.
And the blessing of God Almighty be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 347 Go forth for God

Litton

The Dismissal

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

The Postlude

"Little" prelude in F

Johannes Krebs

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