

## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 9, 2018

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:30 A.M.

*The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

Prelude: Meditation on “Draw us in the Spirit’s tether” Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

### THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Inclina, Domine*

Anglican Chant: E. Elgar

Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me: O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee: have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee. Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Hymn 410: “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

Lauda Anima, *stand*

Opening Sentences

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* 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 (*Hymnal S 202*)

*All:* **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

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The Letter of James. (2: 1-10, 14-17) *sit*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 125

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 **The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway  
over the land allotted to the just,  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 **Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good  
and to those who are true of heart.**

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;  
but peace be upon Israel.

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 493: “O for a thousand tongues to sing”

Azmon, *stand*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
(7: 24-37)

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away

from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Luke Jernagan

*sit*

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

*Lector:* Let us pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

*kneel*

Holy God, we pray for all your people, baptized in the name of Christ. Heal our divisions, and give us one mind in Christ. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* Stir up your church, including the Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Luke and Kelly, our clergy; our parish staff; and this congregation. By your Spirit, help us make the power of the cross known to all, that people everywhere may see your great light. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* Lift from all people the burdens of poverty, war and injustice. Break every rod of oppression throughout the earth. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* Guide those who make and execute our laws, and those who maintain our safety, that all people may know their worth as your creation. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* Strengthen us to care for the poor, the imprisoned, the victims of natural disasters, and all who suffer. Open our hands and hearts to embrace all who are in need, especially the people served by our ministry partners: Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace, and Bravely (*formerly Magdalene St. Louis*). For this we pray to you, O Lord:

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* Let all who suffer from sickness of body, mind, or spirit be touched by your healing grace and love, remembering especially Bryan Miller, Michael Montgomery, Sue O'Brien and Frank Rassieur. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* We remember before you all whom we love but see no more. Give them eternal rest. For this we pray to you, O Lord:

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* Accept, O God, our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, and above all for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ our Lord. By your Holy Spirit, show us how to serve you today, that all may know you by our love, through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* **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 Absolution

*Priest:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

p. 360, *stand*

Announcements

*sit*

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers (*concluding prayer*)

*All:* **God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who teach in your Church, that by word and example they may lead the children whom they teach to the knowledge and love of you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Fourth Grade Bibles Presentation

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.*

*If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.*

The Offertory Anthem

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
for when humbly in thy name,  
two or three are met together,  
Thou art in the midst of them:

Alleluya! Alleluya!

Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father  
break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluya! Alleluya!

So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving,  
we may true disciples be.

Alleluya! Alleluya!

We will serve thee faithfully.

– Percy Dearmer

The Presentation (*Hymn 380, stanza 3*)

Old 100th, *stand*

*All:* **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.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 114*)

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*kneel*

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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Administration of the Sacrament

*sit*

Motet

Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God a priceless mystery; it is without reproof.*

– Gradual for Dedication of a Church

Hymn 304: “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Land of Rest

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 432: “O praise ye the Lord”

Laudate Dominum, *stand*

The Dismissal

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Sortie in B-flat

Guy Ropartz (1864–1955)

*The sung setting of the Eucharist is the  
Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena by Healey Willan (1880–1968).*

*MUSIC NOTES:* The Prelude to this service was composed by *Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)*, a noted organ improviser and composer who was the Organist and Master of the Choristers at St. Thomas Church in New York City for many years. His *Meditation on “Draw us in the Spirit’s tether”* is based on the splendidly tuneful anthem of the same name by *Harold Friedell (1905-1958)*, who was Organist and Master of the Choir at St. Bartholomew’s Church, just a few blocks away. • The motet *Locus iste* by Austrian composer Anton Bruckner (1824–1896) was first sung at the dedication of the Votive Chapel of the newly built Linz cathedral in 1869. To see this and other pieces of music in the context of St. Peter’s first 150 years, see [stpetersepisopal.org/timeline](http://stpetersepisopal.org/timeline).

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by parishioners.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:	DeWayne Trainer, Bruce Ryder
Ushers:	Bill Kiefer, Mike Rich, Didi Noelker, Wayne Norwood
Acolytes:	Billy Bitting, Mateo Sanchez, Tommy Sheehan Will Sloane, James Walters
Acolyte Master:	Allan Ivie
Hospitality:	Ann Parish, Eleanor Wilson, Jenn Gillis
Greeter:	Caren Vredenburg
Altar Guild:	Claudia McMillin, Merrill Buettner, Cheryl Gelstein, Jan Craig
Counters:	Bob Messey, Ann Randazzo

### ***PRAYER LIST***

**For Parishioners:** Bryan Miller, Sue O'Brien and Frank Rassieur.

**For Family and Friends:** Michael Montgomery.

**For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Donna Brookman, Chris Canepa, Michael Curry, Lucy Dolan, Meg Fuller, Jimmy Grimmatt, Bette Handy, Patty Hecker, Marsha Hussung, Helen Jenks, Susan Kerkering, Sandy Lehrer, Sophia Mandl, Etta Jane McCarty, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Ray Sellenriek, Dan Singer, Jane St. John, Timothy Vowels and Dick Williams.



## ***TODAY...***

**CHILDCARE** is available in the Little Building from 9:00 until 11:45 a.m.

**BREAKFAST & COFFEE HOUR** – The Undercroft is still being renovated, but that hasn't stopped us from bringing back breakfast and coffee hour! Continental breakfast will be served this morning, 8:45 – 10:00 a.m., and coffee hour will be immediately after the 10:30 worship service, both in the Confirmation Room. Join us!

**RECTOR'S FORUM** meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. Join Luke Jernagan **in the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom**. In anticipation of the Presiding Bishop's visit for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, the topic today and for the next two weeks is a study of Bishop Michael Curry's book, *Crazy Christians*. Books are still available this morning at the Forum at a cost of \$15, and also in the Church Office during the week.

**KIDS' KICKOFF** – Our children's ministries resume their busy schedules this morning, beginning at 9:15 with Confirmation Class, and our 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders will have class in the Little Building Youth Room. Everyone is welcome to join us for Children's Chapel in Grace Chapel at 10:15. The new Sunday School program year begins this morning! Older students will be available to guide the younger ones to their classroom. During the 10:30 Worship Service 4<sup>th</sup> graders will receive Bibles, and Sunday School teachers will be commissioned. We are all excited about this new year of growing closer to God!

**TRINITY HOT LUNCH** – If you would like to help cook and serve Trinity's Hot Lunch today, 1:15-3:00 p.m., contact Bill Gilbert at [turkgobble@aol.com](mailto:turkgobble@aol.com) or 314-283-5288. High school teens are welcome with their parents.

## ***THIS WEEK...***

**NEWS DEADLINE** – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

**ST. PETER'S CARES** – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or [shepherd@stpetersepiscope.org](mailto:shepherd@stpetersepiscope.org)) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

**WOMAN'S GUILD** – Bring your lunch and join us for our summer gatherings about noon on Tuesdays. Yoga will meet at 11:00 in the Choir Room on the third floor. The opening luncheon of the new program year will be at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Neiman Marcus. Reservations are required by September 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Cheryl Meyer at 314-974-0258 or goldelocks156@gmail.com.

**SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS** resumes this Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Conference Room across from the Church Office.

**PRAYER GROUP** – We will resume this Friday morning at 10:00 in a first floor classroom. Everyone is welcome to join us to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS...***

**ST. PETER'S DAY** – Next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our patronal feast during both worship services. After the 10:30 service the party will continue in the garden with a festive picnic, music, bounces houses and games for the kids, and fellowship for all. If you would like to help with food, set up, clean up or more on the big day, please contact the Church Office. **One way everyone can help is by bringing a side dish or dessert to share!**

**ST. PETER'S GRIEF GROUP** – This fall's Grief Group is open to parents who have suffered the loss of a child. The group will meet on Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., October 4<sup>th</sup> through November 29<sup>th</sup>, excepting Thanksgiving Day. If you would like to participate, or would like additional information, please contact the Rev. Kelly Carlson.

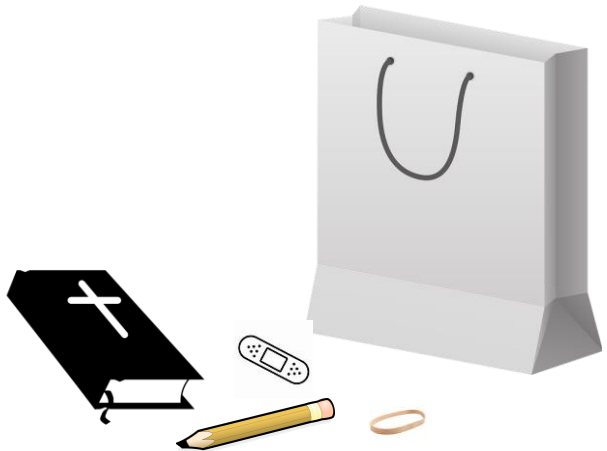
**SAVE THE DATE!** We are excited to celebrate St. Peter's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the weekend of October 13-14<sup>th</sup>. We will kick off the celebration on Saturday, October 13, with a parish-wide dinner at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. Plan to join us! If you haven't received your invitation in the mail please call the Church Office.

## ***SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9 - 16, 2018***

Sunday	9/9		<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Continental Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles
			Sunday School Teacher Commissioning
		1:00 p.m.	Trinity Hot Lunch
Tuesday	9/11	11:00 a.m.	Summer Woman's Guild
Wednesday	9/12	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	9/13	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	9/14	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	9/16		<b>St. Peter's Day</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Continental Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist/Acolyte Commissioning
		11:30 a.m.	Parish Picnic

## Back to Sunday School Kit

- Prayer: We pray God will guide us in all ways.
- Pencil: List your blessings every day.
- Rubber band: Be flexible.
- Eraser: We all make mistakes, and that's okay.
- Toothpick: Always pick out the good qualities in others.
- Band-Aid: Look for ways to heal the hurts in those around you.
- Tootsie Roll: Roll with the punches this year.
- Lollipop: You can lick any obstacles you face.
- Gum: Stick with it and you can accomplish anything.
- Mint: You are worth a mint and a blessing to everyone you know.



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