

CHRIST CHURCH

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A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19

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The Rev. Timothy R. Hannon, Rector

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The service is taken from the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Expansive Language version.

The Word of God

Salutation *The people stand as able.*

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

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.**

Glory to God (*Gloria*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, 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.

Priest: 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.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a *The people sit.*

Reader: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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?
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-9 *Read responsively.*

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

The Epistle: James 3:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the letter of James.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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.”

Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Timothy R. Hannon *The people sit.*

The Nicene Creed *The people stand as able.*

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.

The Prayers of the People

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Be filled with the Spirit, O people of God.

People: Let us speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

Officiant: Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Petitions and Intercessions

Officiant: Almighty God, saving and redeeming Lord, we give you thanks for the care you showed us during this pandemic. We thank you for your gifts, your wisdom, your love, and especially your continued presence.

People: We thank you, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Officiant: It is always good to give you thanks and praise, yet first, let us pray for those still in need. We pray to you, Lord, in your Holy Name, for those who are still suffering from the virus and its effects. We pray for those doctors, nurses, and staff who work while others sleep, medical researchers continuing their studies, and for those essential workers who risked their lives for our communities.

People: Amen

Officiant: We pray to you, Almighty God, for those who have died, that they have found a place in your heavenly Kingdom. We pray to you, too, for those families that have lost someone to the virus. Be with them as they continue to learn to live lives in loss. Comfort them in their affliction, and work in their hearts healing in your Name.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Let us remember at this time those who have died, spoken aloud or before the presence of the Lord in our own hearts.

A period of silence is kept.

Officiant: Lord, in your mercy

People: hear our prayer.

Altar Guild Members and Sacristans

V. In the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

R. Holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

Officiant: Let us pray. (*silence*)

O God, your Son Jesus Christ came to this world not to be served, but to serve. He accepted the assistance and service of his friends, and blessed his disciples to care for holy things. We thank you for the ministries of the Altar Guild, who cared for your Altar even when the doors were closed and the sanctuary darkened. Bless them for their care of the holy vessels and vestments of your worship and the adornment of your sanctuary; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Directors of Music, Organists, and other Musicians

V. When the song was raised in the praise of the Lord:

R. The glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

Officiant: Let us pray. (*silence*)

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, we thank you for the gifts and efforts of our musicians, directors of music, and organists. We thank them for filling the nave with music and, when we could not ourselves sing together, reminding us that it is through beauty that we so often see you face to face.; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Tech and A/V Crews

V. Your Word is a lantern to my feet;
R. And a Light upon my path.

Officiant: Let us pray. (silence)

You have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name, you will be in the midst of them. We thank you for the skill and knowledge of those who brought us together online during this pandemic. Thank you for their wisdom, their time, and their love, and continue to bless them and us, so that your Word may reach to the ends of the earth and beyond; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Parish Visitors and Others who tended to the needy

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Let us pray. (silence)

O God, your Son Jesus Christ said that we minister to him and speak his Word when we clothe the naked, give food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, and visit the sick and imprisoned. We thank you who were Christ to those who were alone, sacred, and forgotten during the pandemic; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Wardens, Vestry, and Committees dedicated to parish care during the pandemic

V. I am your servant; grant me understanding.
R. That I may know your decrees.

Officiant: Let us pray. (silence)

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: thank you for your gifts of grace and knowledge given to those who lead this congregation as they discerned how to lead this congregation during the pandemic. By your Spirit you led them in their research, planning, discussion, and prayers, and we thank you for your Wisdom which you put before them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Ordained Clergy of the Church

V. The Lord is my shepherd.
R. I shall not be in want.

Officiant: Let us pray. (silence)

O Lord, you who have ordained deacons, priests, and bishops to lead your flock and to call them and search them out in your Voice, we thank you for the clergy of the Church. We give you thanks for the burdens of leadership and care they carried, and through your

most holy Name, we ask you to sanctify their work and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Closing Prayer

The following Collect, or other suitable Collect, may be used in closing at this time.

Officiant: O Lord, we give you thanks for your presence among us this past year. We thank you for your gifts of love, of companionship, and of courage in a new world. Continue to grant us that Presence, so that we may hear your Voice, walk in your Ways, serve your most Holy Word, and preach your Gospel of Love and Hope throughout all the world. We pray this in the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen!

The Confession *The people may stand or kneel.*

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

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 our Savior 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.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *The people stand as able.*

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements *The people sit.*

The Holy Communion

If you are led by your faith and your conscience to receive the Holy Eucharist, you are welcome. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an x. If you are not baptized, you are invited to speak with the priest about baptism. Please inform an usher if you need to have the Sacrament brought to you in the pew or if you need a gluten free wafer.

Offertory Sentence

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A *The people stand as able.*

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.

The Celebrant continues: The people remain standing.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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:

Sanctus:

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 Celebrant continues: The people stand or kneel.

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 creator and 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer *The people may stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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We hope that you feel welcome at Christ Church and will return to visit or worship with us in the future.