

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 8, 2024

Opening Hymn: #1 "Father, we praise thee"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Collect of the Day: 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 forever. Amen.

The First Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

The Psalm: 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.**

The Second Reading: James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

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.

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

Sequence Anthem

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.”

And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take

nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
Sermon

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Leader: Holy God, source of life and fire of love, in this season of Pentecost when we reflect again on what it means to be a community of faith and preach the gospel through our lives, we ask you to hear our prayer as we open our hearts to you. We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own. May they be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives. We pray for those celebrating their birthdays this week: Stephen Mondrach (9/14), Nancy Bader (9/15), Francine Bloch (9/15), Christine Mangiafico (9/15), John Viklinetz (9/16), Robert ManWarren (9/20), Victoria Fisk (9/21), and for those celebrating anniversaries. *The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary*

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray with thanks for all those in our community who support the well-being of others. We pray especially for Bob, Gloria, Judy, Cathy Gerke, Nancy Kirkham, Sue Atkinson, Art A., Donna K.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our newly elected Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; for our bishops, Jeff and Laura, for all deacons and priests. We pray for all who proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the Truth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; The Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations; Provincial Synod; all Provincial Networks; *The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer

We pray for all the leaders of the world that they may make wise choices for everyone and that they may lead us to honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your wonderful creation, the Earth, and its streams, trees, mountains, and plants and for the animals of the Earth.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Marge Dill. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not understand or have not found Your love, that they may seek a deeper knowledge of You. May Your love find those who need You most.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray this day?

Confession (*in unison*)

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: WLP #722 "The desert shall rejoice"



The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose:

1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the



blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
ears of the deaf shall hear and the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.

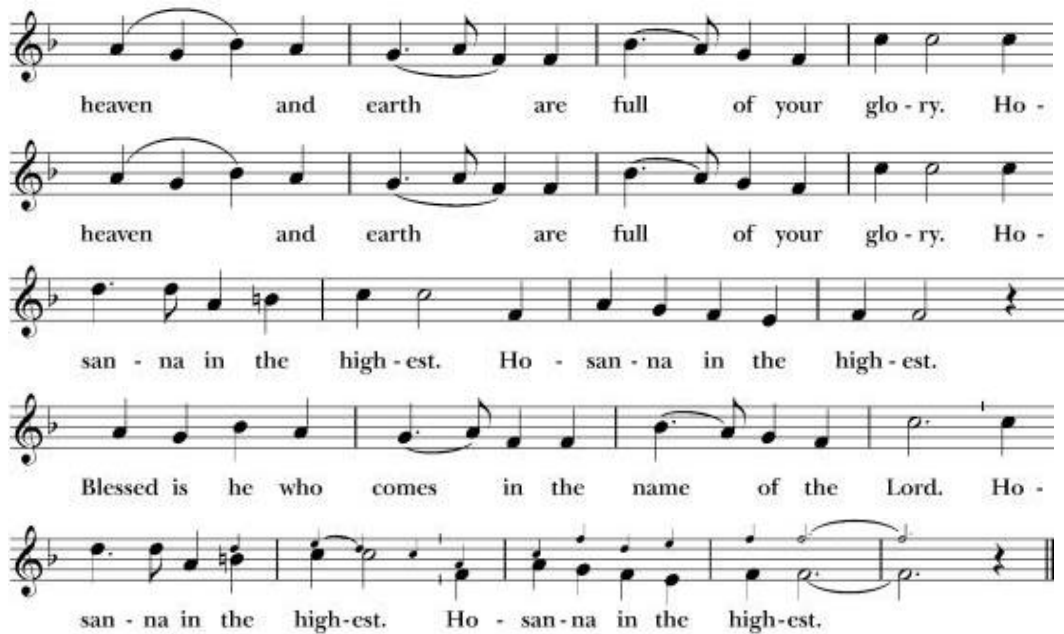
6. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy Lord*):

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heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues: Holy and Gracious Father...

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S-169

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #493 "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God

Prayers and Thanksgivings for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for our retiring Presiding Bishop, Michael and our newly-elected Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Ron; for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; The Province of New England: The Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations; Provincial Synod; all Provincial Networks; *The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and those who have requested our prayers. We pray especially for Gloria, Judy, Bob, Art A., Donna K., and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Marge Dill. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:
remembering especially Stephen Mondrach (9/14)

Continuing Prayer List

Tim O'Shea, Carol Baldwin, Leila Lou Baldwin, Bill Baldwin, Judy, Robin, Brenda, Richard Taylor, Jim, Jeff Baez, Lydia, David Rigby, Judy Knox, Deanne Bowen, June Beauvais; Star, Norm, Laura Beaudoin, Bill Houle, Aimee Goodrich, Cara Begin, Derek Anderson, Justin, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Roberto Rodegher, Marlin Corbean; Nelson Moore; Brian, Joan Hamilton, Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren & Family; Noel, Daryl, Scott Goodrich, Ella & Nicole, Patricia Angelou, Lou and Heidi Schluntz.

On Going Activities

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:00 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m. suspended for the summer
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m., suspended for the summer
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 5 p.m.
- BNI (Business Networking International): Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Don't forget! This Sunday, September 8, 2024, Parish-wide Meeting. Following our one worship service at 9:00am on September 8, the Journey Committee, which is charged with leading the projects of improvements in the church in preparation for the 200th anniversary of the church building on October 18, 2026, will share an update on the progress made. We will have a potluck luncheon while we listen to the presentation, and we ask you to help by preparing a dish.

Fall Book Study Group: "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" The book study will begin on Monday, September 9 running from 11:30-1:00 p.m., and will conclude November 25. You are encouraged to bring lunch if you would like to share fellowship afterward. We will supply beverages. If you need help in getting the book let us know.

St. Peter's Garden Committee meets every Monday evening, from 4 to 5 o'clock, May through October. We care for the plants and the flowers that make the Memorial Garden and the grounds of St.

Peter's so beautiful. We need your help! Please join us and enjoy new friendships and the beauty and peace of the garden. See Kathy Kniep for more information. (860-234-4364); kathyk06447@comcast.net.

Community Dinner - This month we will have our especially delicious Turkey Dinner on September 21. More info to follow.

Sign-up sheet for assistive devices in the parish: We are collecting a list of assistive devices that people in the parish might have in their homes and might be willing to lend or to give to another parishioner who may be in need of helping devices like walkers, wheelchairs, portable commodes, shower seats, canes, or hospital beds. To that end Francine has put out a sign-up list in the church.

Joshua Ziemski's final Sunday as organist and Choir Director is September 15, 9:00a.m. Service. Following the farewell service will have a special coffee hour in his honor and tributes during the service sermon time.

