

The 16th Sunday After

PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: #398 I Sing The Almighty Power Of God Please stand and sing as you are able.

Opening Acclamation / Call to Worship *BCP Page 355*

Collect for Purity *BCP Page 355*

Gloria: Hymnal #S-277 *Please remain standing.*

Collect of the Day *The collect prayer “collects” the themes from the various readings for the day.*

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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 for ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Proverbs 1:20-33

Please be seated

Reader: A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?"

Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

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

Psalm 19

Reader: The heavens declare the glory of God, *
People: and the firmament shows his handiwork.

Reader: One day tells its tale to another, *
People: and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Reader: Although they have no words or language, *
People: and their voices are not heard.

Reader: Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
People: and their message to the ends of the world.

Reader: In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
People: it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

Reader: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
People: **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

Reader: The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
People: **the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

Reader: The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
People: **the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

Reader: The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
People: **the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

Reader: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
People: **sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

Reader: By them also is your servant enlightened, *
People: **and in keeping them there is great reward.**

Reader: Who can tell how often he offends? *
People: **cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Reader: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
People: **then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

Reader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
People: **O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Lesson: 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.**

Gradual Hymn: #574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel
(Verse 1,2 before and 3,4 after)

Please stand and sing.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Jeff Huston

Please be seated.

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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All in unison; Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel.

- Reader:** Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.
- Reader:** For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader:** For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...
People: **St. Andrew's, Grove; Center for the Assistance of Infants and Families (CAID) Ministry for Education & Welfare of Young Children, Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of Oklahoma; The Church of the Province of Uganda.**
- Reader:** For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader:** For...
People: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Tim & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader:** For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...
People: **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader:** For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...
People: **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Michael, Mike & Betty, Rogers Family, Lubin Family, Blanchette Family, Al, Pat & Joe, Ark of Faith, those affected by Hurricane Ida, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**
- Reader:** We pray for those who have died, (*especially...*)
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader:** For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially...
People: **Paul, Mary Hodges, Mary & Tom Hohn.**
- Reader:** Also those who are traveling, (*especially...*)
People: **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader:** Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People: **To you, O Lord.**
- Reader:** Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Please remain sitting or kneeling.

Peace

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Please stand as you are able.

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Offertory

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Celebrant: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God
(Hebrews 13:16)

Offertory Music:

Canon of Praise
by Pachelbel

Choir

Doxology: #380

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Distribution of Communion

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need the bread and wine brought to you at your seat. If you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Sursum Corda

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Sanctus: Hymnal #S-125

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Please remain standing

Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Hymnal #S-154

Communion Duet:

How Great Thou Art

Nancy Scott & Lora Sellers

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Benediction & Blessing

Celebrant: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have.
(Hebrews 13:1-3,5)

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Please stand and sing.

Sending

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