

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 18/B

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Jesus and the Canaanite Woman—Pietro del Po (1650)

Holy Baptism with The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:00am



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WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.

Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

**“HOLY BAPTISM IS
FULL INITIATION
BY WATER AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT
INTO CHRIST’S BODY,
THE CHURCH.”**

The Book of Common Prayer

IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM, we are lovingly adopted by God into God’s family, which we call the Church, and given God’s own life to share and reminded that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ. Holy Baptism, which can be performed through pouring of water or immersion in it, marks a formal entrance to the congregation and wider Church; the candidates for the sacrament make a series of vows, including an affirmation of the Baptismal Covenant, and are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are marked as Christ’s own for ever, having “clothed [themselves] with Christ” (Galatians 3:27).

All people of any age are welcome to be baptized; we believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, as the “bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 298).

The rite of Christian initiation contains a series of vows, made by all present, called the “baptismal covenant” (BCP, pp. 304-305). After the candidates have renounced evil and committed themselves to Christ, the presider asks the congregation to join them and “renew our own baptismal covenant.” Responding to a series of questions, the people affirm belief in the triune God (through the Apostles’ Creed) and promise to continue in the Christian fellowship, resist evil and repent, proclaim the gospel, serve Christ in all persons, and strive for justice and peace. The BCP also suggests the covenant for use, in place of the Nicene Creed, on four days when there are no candidates for baptism: the Easter Vigil, the Day of Pentecost, All Saints’ Day or the Sunday thereafter, and the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. In the Episcopal Church the baptismal covenant is widely regarded as the normative statement of what it means to follow Christ.

We welcome our newest Episcopalian this morning, Peyton Wilson; her parents Anja and Raymond Wilson; her sponsors Dionna Weigelt and Thomas Mewhinney; and all members of her family.

— PARISH NOTICES —

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TODAY FOR COFFEE-HOUR served in the Lounge, immediately following the service. Our hosts today are members of the ministry of the Farm.

WE MOVE TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE TODAY. SERVICES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH, BEGINNING AT 10AM.

THE ALTAR GUILD WILL HAVE THEIR FALL MEETING TODAY IN THE LOUNGE AT 9AM. Service as a member of the Altar Guild and Flower Committee is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the liturgical life of St. Peter's. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

NEXT SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR, hosted by the ECW and the Parish Choir to celebrate the ministry of Mark Engelhardt.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S "WELCOME BACK" MEETING TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 11:30 AM, IN THE LOUNGE. Please bring a sandwich for your lunch; tea/coffee and dessert will be provided. All ladies of the parish invited. For further information, please call Joan Derle. (631-499-8234).

BIBLE STUDY continues in the Lounge on Thursdays at 10:00 am. All are invited!

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO STAFF OUR THRIVING THRIFT STORE. WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WEED THE GARDEN IN THE GARTH. Please speak with Brian if you are interested.

— PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK —

We pray for those who have asked our prayers: Abigail, Angie, Annette, Autumn, Betty, Caroline, Chris, Corey, Diane, Don, Donna, Doug, Elinor, Gary, Greg, Heidi, Jackie, Jean, Jill, Jim, Joel, Joy, June, Kamryn, Laura, Liz, Matthew, Melvin, Michelle, Muriel, Patricia, Roger, Rosalie, Sarah Grace, Scott, Sue, Thomas, Tom, Tyler, Vincent;

We pray for those who have died, and all those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may they find comfort and peace;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Erik, John, Matt, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion diocese of Torit in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, gun violence, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of St. Mark's, Brooklyn; Calvary & St. Cyprian's, Brooklyn; All Saints', Bayside; First Responders; St. David's, Cambria Heights; Bushwick Abbey; Iglesia de la Santa Cruz;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the Church in the Province of Myanmar (Burma); and these Dioceses of Churches of the World-wide Anglican Communion: Ilesa South West (Nigeria); North East India (North India); Northern Indiana, Indianapolis (USA); Inhambane (Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola).

HOLY BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Voluntary Cantilena (*From Sonata in D Minor*)

Josef Rheinberger

Announcements

(*The congregation stands to sing the hymn*)

Hymn at the Procession

On this day the first of days

The Hymnal 1982, #47

Gott sei dank

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

Words: Latin; tr. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *(The congregation is seated)*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 *Sung by all*

Simplified Anglican Chant: Robert K. Kennedy



- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my | soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of | earth, *
for there is no help in | them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to | earth, *
and in that day their thoughts | perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their | help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their | God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is | in them; *
who keeps his promise for | ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are op | pressed, *
and food to those who | hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the | blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed | down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the | stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the | wicked.

(Second half of Chant):

- 9 The Lord shall reign for | ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halle | lujah!

The Second Lesson: James 2:1-17

Lector A reading from the Letter of James

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. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands to sing the Hymn at the Gospel Procession.

The Hymn at the Gospel Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Doyle Dietz Allen

THE HOLY BAPTISM

The congregation remains seated.

The baptismal party stands before the Celebrant.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present *Peyton Wilson* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

After the candidate has been presented, the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions, answered by the parents and godparents.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The congregation stands.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Peyton in her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with Peyton who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Peyton who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant, who then baptizes each candidate, saying

Peyton, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Celebrant prays, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, saying

Peyton, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this has been completed, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* where *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if he fall; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayer for a Marriage Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The congregation is seated for the Anthem.

When the Anthem is completed, please stand as you are able, for the Presentation of the Offering.

The Anthem at the Offering

American Folk Hymn arr. Arlen Clarke

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul to lay aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sin; while millions join the theme I will sing. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity, I'll sing on.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember those who seek healing: Abigail, Angie, Annette, Autumn, Betty, Caroline, Chris, Corey, Diane, Don, Donna, Doug, Elinor, Gary, Greg, Heidi, Jackie, Jean, Jill, Jim, Joel, Joy, June, Kamryn, Laura, Liz, Matthew, Melvin, Michelle, Muriel, Patricia, Roger, Rosalie, Sarah Grace, Scott, Sue, Thomas, Tom, Tyler, Vincent;

Remember those in military service, especially Erik, John, Matt, Robert, and Stephen;

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Peter and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem Lamb of God

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Hymn during Communion

The Hymnal 1982, #602

Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love

Chereponi

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

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The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

All say together

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.**

The congregation is seated. Those persons desiring Unction should move to the Altar rail.

At the conclusion of the healing, the congregation stands.

Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise, #773

Heal me, hands of Jesus

Sharpe

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand treble clef and a left-hand bass clef. The vocal line is in the treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

Words: Michael Perry. Music: *Sharpe*, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Hymn at the Procession

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

The Hymnal 1982, #567

St. Matthew

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821-1891), alt. Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary Chorale Prelude: "In Thee is gladness"

J. S. Bach

— For the Service —

Celebrant and Preacher - The Reverend Doyle Dietz Allen

Lector - Nancy Maia

Eucharistic Minister - Betsy Mayo

Organist and Choirmaster - Mark Engelhardt

Ushers - Debbie and Bill Crawford

Altar Guild - Kathy Birch, Joan Derle, Laura McLaughlin, Susan Rock



BULLETIN INSERTS

September 8, 2024 – Pentecost 16 (B)
Explore the Way of Love: **PRAY**

Our day to day lives can be hurried and busy. We have so many things to do and so little time to do them. With devices and media asking for our time, so much to do and hear and say – it can make us feel overwhelmed and isolated. It can make our relationships challenging, as we struggle to connect.

The practice of the Way of Love, following in the footsteps of Jesus, tells us that God wants to break through the noise and busy-ness of the world and be able to have a relationship with us – with you. Not as a distant god in a far-off sky, or as a theory or an ideal or a metaphor, but a presence, dwelling with us, here and now. And the way to make that connection is to Pray.

As the Psalmist tells us: “The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” Jesus taught us that it is nourishing and strengthening to intentionally take time to pray. The daily practice of making time and space to speak with God, to listen to God, or to simply be with God, clears a pathway for God to enter our lives.

Jesus told us how we can talk with God: We can praise God and thank God for all that has been done. We can tell God about our troubles, and God will listen. We can ask God for healing and forgiveness, and God will help restore us. We can ask God for protection, and face the world with courage. Or we can simply receive God’s spirit, in faith that when we make space to pray, God is with us.

We can pray alone and know that we are not alone in this world. We can pray together, whether just two or three of us or a whole community, and find a whole new level of connection with those who are on the journey with us. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Way of Love is not a static practice, in which we read a book of rules and perform the exercises to become improved people. It is a dynamic practice, and part of the active process of transforming our lives is opening up the channels of communication with God, giving and taking, talking and listening, like electricity flowing through a cable or streams that connect a river to the sea. We create a connective flow with a God who loves and cares about us, who and where we are on a daily basis, and wants to know how you are doing today.

Are you making a commitment to incorporate the regular practice of prayer into your life? Is there a place where you can gather with others in the presence of the divine?

Learn more about the Way of Love at episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. You can find suggestions on getting started and going deeper with Praying at iam.ec/evol.

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