
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
September 11, 2021

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning. If you're new to our community, or if you have questions or other needs, please ask. There's no such thing as a stupid question. We've all been new at some point, and as the old adage goes, "we're all just walking each other home" one step at a time.

About Our Worship: This service may look and feel different than that which you have previously experienced.

As Christians in the Episcopal (episcopal=church with bishops) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the Book of Comm Prayer (BCP), which—for centuries—has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship. These prayers have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (the work of the people in worship) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God's Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God's story." The liturgy makes worship something the whole community does, not just the minister up front. Who we are and what we bring is enough because we are assured that God delights in our worship! You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

As an act of care for yourself and all those gathered, please maintain appropriate physical distance at all times. Masks must be worn by all those above the age of two. We will not be passing an offering plate, though there is an offering box available for use on the Welcome Table.

PRELUDE

Ife & Feme Frierson, piano

OPENING HYMN

Crown him with many crowns

vv. 1,3,5

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore - the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; crown

crown him to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given, the won - drous name of Love. Crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e-ter-ni-ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be-fore him day and night, their God, Re-deem-er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man-y crowns, for he is King of all.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Officiant Let us pray.
All **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.**

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy and eternal God, give us such trust in your sure purpose, that we measure our lives not by what we have done or failed to do, but by our faithfulness to you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The LORD God gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond to the weary
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.

The LORD God opened my ear;
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.
Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.
I didn't hide my face
from insults and spitting.

The LORD God will help me;
therefore, I haven't been insulted.
Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.

The one who will declare me innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?
Let's stand up together.
Who will bring judgment against me?
Let him approach me.

Look! The LORD God will help me.
Who will condemn me?
Look, they will wear out like clothing;
the moth will eat them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM*Psalm 116:1-8*

¹ I love you, O GOD, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, *
because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

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 your holy Name: *
"O GOD, I pray you, save my life."

⁴ **Gracious are you and righteous; *
you are full of compassion.**

⁵ You watch over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and you helped me.

⁶ **Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for God has treated you well.**

⁷ For you, O GOD, have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸ **I will walk in the presence of GOD *
in the land of the living.**

(Please stand as able.)

THE GOSPEL LESSON*Mark 8:27-38*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets."

He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of

Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Maria Kane

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed, the Church’s central statement of faith, emerged out of the first four councils of the Church in the 4th century in response to controversies about Jesus’ divinity. The Latin root of the phrase “we believe” (credo) means to “give one’s heart.” The creed is our way of affirming who is deserving of our heart amidst fear and doubt. The term apostolic refers to the historic succession of the apostles (original leaders of the early church) through our bishops. The term “catholic” refers to the universal church throughout the world.

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the One, holy, and living God:

All

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Almighty God, you spoke, and your words brought endless worlds into existence.

Intercessor

Remind us that our words and our lives matter. May our words and actions partner with each other in your holy purpose.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Empower the body of Christ to speak your truth to the world. Let our words and our actions be both simple and powerful, kind and gentle. Bless our leadership with language to encourage your people to deepen their relationship with you. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Holy Communion, DC; Diocesan Youth Ministry; and Diocesan Young Adult Ministry.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Speak peace to the hearts of the world's leaders. Let their words and actions be those of integrity. Bless the children of all ages and all nations with a future that reflects your justice and loving-kindness. Give your people the courage to speak up for those who have no voice in this world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Whisper words of hope and healing to the hearts of those who are ill or anxious and struggle with themselves or with their families. We pray for wholeness for **Mother Maria, Sewell, Cheryl, the Vestry, Tony, John, Mary, Frank, George, Dorothy, Bob, Laurie, Regathering Team, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Ed, Rodgers, Shauna, Margaret, Tom, Rosemary, Terry, Charlie, Terri, Kimberly, Phil, Dennis, Bob, Kevin, John, Joe, and Turk.**

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have recently been called home, including Peter Krex, and we pray for those who mourn their loss. When words fall short, let our presence reflect your love for them in their grief.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.

Celebrant

God the compassionate one, whose loving care extends to all the world, we remember this day your children of many nations and many faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred twenty years ago. Console those who continue to suffer and grieve, and give them comfort and hope as they look to the future. Out of what we have endured, give us the grace to examine our relationships with those who perceive us as the enemy, and show our leaders the way to use our power to serve the good of all for the healing of the nations. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in reconciling love, was lifted up from the earth that he might draw all things to himself.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant The Lord listens to the cries of the people who turn with full hearts to the One who has mercy. Let our tongues now make confession in the presence of God and of this body.

All **Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for help. You know our fault before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will. Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken and for which we know our wrong. We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought. We have denied our dependence on you. Lead us away from this grief and sorrow. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people. Amen.**

Celebrant God, who is gracious and merciful, knows the human desire to save our lives by avoiding Jesus' call to carry the cross. God, who is full of compassion, also knows that those who repent have set their minds and hearts on what endures for all time. Your sin is forgiven you. The Lord God is a very present help to those who seek to follow in the way of divine things. Go with God in joy as you take up your cross, in Jesus'

name. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

My Life Flows On

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came and the One to whom we will return.

You conceived the universe, wove the world together and hold all life in your hand.

You watch us waking or sleeping, you keep every tear that we shed, you hear every prayer we make, you know both our best and our worst and you will not let us go.

So, with rain, wind and sunshine, with all that moves in time with its Maker, we praise you.

With angels and archangels, with the saints from long ago, with our loved ones who are gathered round your heavenly table, we praise you.

With the church throughout the world, Orthodox and Lutheran, Catholic and Reformed, with all who love Jesus and honor his name, we praise you, singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Yes, blessed is he...

Who was born among us incognito, who grew up without privilege or status
who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world,
who told the deepest truths in ordinary language,
who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear of favor,
who showed inclusive love in all its unconditional glory;
who, for all this, was crucified, died and was buried,
who, for all this and for all of us, rose again;
who, though high in heaven, is present with us here and now.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, "Take this and eat it. It is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me."

Then later, during the meal, he took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks he said, "In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is coming again!**

Blessed is he in all his love and beauty. God beyond holiness, as we do what Jesus once did, let your Spirit move among us to settle on this bread and this wine that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

And let that same Spirit stir our souls so that as we share this sacrament, we may recognize our Lord and receive him that he may be in us and we in him for ever. **Amen.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken. This symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Celebrant All you who hunger and thirst for a better life, for a deeper faith, for a better world, here is the bread of life: feed on it with gratitude; here is the cup of salvation; drink from it and believe.

Celebrant Behold who you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

All those who are baptized, as well as those who yearn to be fed with Christ's grace, are welcome at this table. You need not be an Episcopalian to feast here. The Celebrant will bring the bread to your seat. Please stand to receive the consecrated bread.

COMMUNION HYMN

Troy Pettersen, electric guitar

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONE BLESSINGS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *she/he/they* begin another year. Grant that *she/he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life(ves); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR 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.

THE BLESSING

Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine!— O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light!— Vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest,— i in my Sav-ior am hap-py and

vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,— Born of His Spir-it, washed in His
sight;— An-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove,— Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of
blest;— Watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,— Filled with His good-ness, lost in His

blood. This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day
love. love.

long;— This is my sto-ry, this is my song,— Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.—

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Rejoice the Lord is King

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Mother Maria, Sewell Truitte, Cheryl Williams, the Vestry, Tony Hackley, John Mathews, Mary Fugate, Frank Fruh, George Thompson, Dorothy Moore, Bob Ferguson, Laurie Jaffe, Regathering Team, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Margaret Leman, Tom May, Rosemary V., Terry C., Charlie P., Terri, Kimberly D., Phil H., Jr., Dennis W., Bob C., Kevin B., John M., Joe R., Turk J., Kathleen B.

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr., Connor Runser

First Responders: Matt Backman, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Luke Smith

Thanksgiving For: the return of Mother Maria from Sabbatical this weekend

Dearly Departed: Peter Krex, former high school classmate of Phil Hamilton and Frank Fruh

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Holy Communion, DC; Diocesan Youth Ministry; Diocesan Young Adult Ministry

Community and World: For our country, especially the healthcare professionals, the unemployed, grocery store and transportation employees, firefighters, EMTs, police, teachers, and those suffering from the Covid-19 virus, and the people of Afghanistan and Haiti.

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: send an email to Joyce Scofield: rjscofield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

When we hear Jesus say we are to “deny” ourselves, this can seem strangely harsh language, and it is well that each of us knows what it means in our own lives. You are made in God’s image. As an image of the divine, God does not command you to be nothing. You are not to be denigrated. What aspects of your life, your desires, your tendencies, do you recognize as impeding your ability to set your mind on what you truly want and need? What is your cross? Perhaps you see more than one cross you must bear. If you “take up” your cross (or crosses), how might you live differently than you do now?

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you, God, for this good night and day, for time to sleep and wake, for dark and light, for silence and noise, for stillness and movement, for my body, mind, and heart. Give me the strength today to bear my cross with patience so that whoever I meet will find a moment of calm in my presence because of you. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for this good day and now for night, for all that has transpired in the last hours, for the food I have been given, for the work I have had to do, for the exercise, for breathing, for what my ears have heard, for friends, for coworkers, and for what I have seen growing in the soil and shining in the sunlight. Guard me now as I sleep and give me good rest for the sake of the tasks you have set before me tomorrow. I pray for your peace, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRED GROUND

Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. Meetings will be held on Zoom. There will be an informational meeting for the next Sacred Ground Circle on **Thursday, October 7**. We will meet bi-weekly for 10 sessions beginning in October. For more information, you can read about the program on the Episcopal Church website at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/about/>. If you want to sign up or have questions, please contact: Mike Fritz - michaelf1119@gmail.com or Sewell Truitte – struitte@gmail.com.

PRAYER BUDDIES

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning how they can support our children and youth. Your presence is needed! The Prayer Buddy ministry is designed to build intergenerational relationships through prayer and friendship. Interested adult parishioners will be paired with a child or teen for the school year and covenant to pray for their buddy and their family each day. Several times a year, we will host activities for prayer buddies to come together for food, fellowship, and fun. If you are interested in serving as a Prayer Buddy, please email [Mother Maria](#). *Prayer Buddies must complete Child Abuse Presentation training, which can now be conducted entirely online.*

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 15

6:30 p.m. Regathering Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, September 18

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, September 19, The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, Zoom

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II – in person

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
	September 11, 6 p.m.	September 12, 9:00 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Paula Truitte	Sewell Truitte
Lector	Colin Finley	Fern Brown
Psalm	Sewell Truitte	Meg Monroe
Tech Verger		Mike Fritz
Altar Guild	Donna Dillon Kathy Fornadley	
Counters	Mike Fritz Tracy Monroe Becky Hackley	
	September 19, 9 a.m. Zoom	September 19, 10:15 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Zach Bryant	Greg Ferguson
Lector	Claire Hamilton	Jenna Monroe
Psalm	Page Hamilton	Jerry Corbett
Tech Verger	Barry Hamilton	
Altar Guild	Ann Lancaster Cathy Lavender	

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