



September 20, 2020
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
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**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER ~ RITE 2**

(All stand as the Officiant enters)

Opening Music: (Music only, no singing) #541 "Come labor on"

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer (*Psalm 19:14*).

Confession of Sin

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

All kneel. Silence is kept.

All: 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 your Son 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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

All stand.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

All *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate (Psalm 100) *The Officiant leads the people in saying Psalm 95 in unison.*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Readings & Canticles *(All are seated as the Reader leads the people in the readings)*

The Psalm for the Day: Psalm 145:1-8

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *

and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *

and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *

and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *

they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

The First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Second Song of Isaiah (*Isaiah 55:6-11*)

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.**

**Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Canticle 21 You are God

You are God: we praise you; You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in
endless praise:**

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

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;

**Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son,
worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death and
opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled

against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Apostles' Creed (*The Officiant leads the people in saying the Creed, all standing*)

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

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.

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. Amen.

The Prayers (*The Intercessor leads the people in the prayers. People may stand or kneel.*)

Intercessor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Intercessor: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Said in unison.*)

**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 Suffrages

Intercessor Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us yoursalvation.**

Intercessor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Intercessor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Intercessor Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Intercessor Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Intercessor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Intercessor Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Offertory Music: (music only, no singing) #685 "Rock of ages"

Prayers of the People

We pray for those whose lives closely touch our own that they may always be in our hearts and have joy and happiness in their lives, for those celebrating birthdays (Bob ManWarren [9/20], Victoria Fisk [9/21], Allison Forrest [9/22], Dan Osmond [9/22], Scott Sullivan [9/24], Charles Eaton [9/26], Jennifer Oberlin [9/26]), or anniversaries at this time of isolation.

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 those who have requested our prayers: including Fr. Ron for his surgery; Caroline Latour; Tom Docker; Russ Wheeler; Lydia Myers, Loretta Ickes; Nelson Moore; Marianne Marsh; Daniel Paez; Bob Kell; "Cousin" Phil and Norm H.; Cole, Alyssa and Kayden, Natalie Ware, Karen Thom; Mary; and Alberta's daughter Joyce.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our bishops, Ian and Laura, for our deacon Donna and 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.

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, especially at this time of the terrible pandemic.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those on the front lines of serving our communities, the health care professionals, the law enforcement and first responders, those in our stores and shops, those who deliver things to us and provide transportation to others who put themselves in danger for 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. We pray that the animals of the Earth may freely enjoy these resources.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died. We pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors, especially those who died of the virus and those dying alone in hospitals and nursing homes, that they may be comforted by those who love them. Let them discover Your love, through the care and support of others.

Silence

Spirit of Love

Hear our prayer.

The General Thanksgiving (all standing)

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Officiant: In thanksgiving for the many blessings of our lives, let us pray.

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Officiant concludes the service with the following prayer:

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and 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: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing

Closing music: #527 "Singing songs of expectation" (music only no singing)

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

St. Peter's Prayer List

We pray for all those who have died. We pray as well for all those around the world who have died as a result of Covid-19 and for the suffering and death on the West Coast due to the wildfires.

Continuing Prayer List: Fr. Ron; Russ Wheeler; Tommy Docker; Lydia Myers, Loretta Ickes, Bob LaMay; Addie, Matt and Blake; Nelson Moore; Marianne Marsh; Daniel Paez, Kyle Ethan; Sharon, Tim Redden; "Cousin" Phil & Norm H.; Cole; Stephen & Victoria; Alyssa & Kayden, Mary; Loretta Ickes, Joyce leombruno, Cheryl & Bruce, Val & Stephen, Mark & Tina, John & Dottie, Gloria, Maryellyn, Gary, J & J, Arlene, Judy P., Bill, John M., George A., Mark P., Liz, Nancy, Katy, Chris; Sarah McCracken, Ginny Hellstrom, Jacob Mika; Alice & Bob; John; Cailin & son Connor Campbell; Richard; Flora; Alice Wentz; Donna Gray; Daryl Cook; Kyle Buttice; Megan Sulzinski, Janet Kay; Lorraine Nelson; Ella; Liz; Bill S.; Patty Sullivan; Marcia Brown; Bobbie Marston; Joan Conley; Alex Trebek; John & family; Jeanette Wade; Ambrosio Vidal and family; Susan Hicks & family; Jeannette Farren & family; Grace Jensen; Becky, June; Ella & Nelson; James; Rina Bettancourt; Joyce L.;

Calendar

***Zoom Meetings: Coffee Hours: Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Sept. 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28**

***Fall Festival Saturday, October 3, 9am-3pm** outside tag sale with pumpkins, jams, and mums. Inside we will have a smaller tag sale priced by table and dollar amount with stickers. Masks required.

***Sunday October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis and those who attend the service of Holy Eucharist are invited to bring their pets for a blessing.**