

*(Masks must be worn during this service)*



## *Grace Episcopal Church*

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:30 a.m.

No gathering can be completely safe. Unvaccinated people remain susceptible to contracting COVID-19. Singing can increase transmission from infected individuals.

### PRELUDE

*Children of the Heavenly Father* - setting by M. Burkhardt

*Please stand if you are able*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #665 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

*(Masks must be worn while singing this hymn)*

*All my hope on God is founded*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.** *Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

*Proverbs 1:20-33*

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,

- The Word of the Lord

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."

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19 *(Responsively, by whole verse)*

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> **Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

<sup>5</sup> In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his  
chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of  
the heavens and runs about to the end of it  
again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from  
presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the  
meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## THE EPISTLE

*James 3:1-12*

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.

- The Word of the Lord    **All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## SEQUENCE HYMN #312

*Strengthen for service, Lord*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 8:27-38*

*Celebrant*    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."

- The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated*

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend James Bernacki

*A period of silence may be kept.*

*Please stand if you are able*

#### THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

*Please kneel or sit*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI AND CONFESSION OF SIN

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, *Samuel and Anne* our Bishops; *Jim* our Priest today; and all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

We pray for all of who have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus -- those who are sick, those who've died, and those who mourn. *Silence*

As we pray for the folks on our prayer list ...

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey Parker, Cameron Klass, and Jack Tincher** ...

and those with special needs:

**Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Scott** Biesecker, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Will** Burke, **Andrea** Cain, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Anita** Ewbank, **Mark** Frye, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Holly** Gray, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Robin** Sink, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant may add a concluding collect.*

*Please stand if you are able*

## THE PEACE

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

*People*         **And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*This is My Father's World (tune: Mercer Street) - M. Williamson*

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all  
nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is our Father's world, oh, let us not forget that  
though the wrong is great and strong God is our Father yet.  
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair,  
all earth and trees, all skies and seas,  
all creatures everywhere.*

*Please remain standing*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

*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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people stand or kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*    **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All kneeling or sitting*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**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 BLESSING

*Please stand if you are able*

**DISMISSAL HYMN #535 (vv. 1-2, 4)**

*Ye servants of God*

### THE DISMISSAL

**POSTLUDE**

*All My Hope On God is Founded - setting by M. Burkhardt*

**Celebrant:** The Rev. James Bernacki

**Lector:** Marilyn Taylor **Intercessor:** Robin Sink

**Acolyte:** Erik Petruzzi

**Audio Visual:** David Jones/Russ Johnson/Wes Allred