

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*September 12, 2021*

*8:00 am*



*The Holy Eucharist, Rite One*

**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

**Welcome!** Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service.

“For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.”

~ Wisdom 7:26

*Our worship in this service follows Rite I of the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP), beginning on page 323. This service will be broadcast on our [YouTube channel](#). We are working on solving our sound issues...stay tuned!*

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Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 323

*The people standing, the Presider says*

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God, forever and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

*Scriptural excerpts are from the NRSV translation, with the psalm as in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.*

The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

First Reading

Wisdom 7:26-8:1

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

For wisdom is a reflection of eternal light,  
a spotless mirror of the working of God,  
and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things,  
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;  
in every generation she passes into holy souls  
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;  
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

She is more beautiful than the sun,  
and excels every constellation of the stars.  
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,  
for it is succeeded by the night,  
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.  
She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,  
and she orders all things well.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Congregation recites the half-verse printed in bold.*

- 1) I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
- 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 the Name of the LORD: \*  
**"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**
- 4) Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
**our God is full of compassion.**
- 5) The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
**I was brought very low, and he helped me.**
- 6) Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
**for the LORD has treated you well.**
- 7) For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**
- 8) I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
**in the land of the living.**

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

*Lector* A Reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

*Gospeller*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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**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.**

The Prayers of the People

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*Prayer leader*     Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world.

*Prayer leader* Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy...

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*The Deacon or Presider says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*The Presider concludes with an absolution.*

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Announcements follow, after which offerings are brought to the table for consecration.*

## Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

*All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the host, blessed and broken, in the community of Trinity Church. If you wish to receive, please come up the center aisle, maintaining six feet of physical space between you and non-family members. Please stretch out your arms at full length to receive, holding both hands palm up, then return down a side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If possible, please let an usher know in advance. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead may come to the rail and fold their arms across their chest.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP p. 333

*The People rise or remain seated in reverence, as the Spirit enables. The Presider, faces them and says*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*        **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*        **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Presider continues, including a Preface suitable to the day or liturgical season and concluding*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*All*            **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

*Presider*      Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

*People*        **Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People are invited to kneel. The Presider then continues with Jesus' Words of Institution at the Last Supper and an invocation of the Holy Spirit asking God to bless both the elements of Holy Communion and those present. The Presider concludes the Eucharistic Prayer as follows.*

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

*All*            **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and says*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People*           **Therefore let us keep the feast.**  
*Presider*        Let us pray.

Prayer of Humble Access

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**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Presider*        The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*The priest, or bishop if present, may bless the congregation. Then follows*

Dismissal

*BCP p. 340*

*Clergy*           Let us go forth into the name of Christ.  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to gather in the Circle Drive for a brief time of fellowship.*

*Those who are fully vaccinated are welcome to remove their masks outside.*

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