



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

Saturday, September 11, 2021 (5:30PM)

Sunday, September 12, 2021 (8:00 & 10:30AM)

Celebrant – The Rev. Elisa P. Harres

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Voluntary

Pastorale

Charles Wesley

Hymn 408 Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

Acclamation (*also on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, 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.**

Gloria

2
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

8
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, Hea - ven - ly King, Al - might - y God and

16
Fath - er, We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

24
p
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

32
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

40
on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our

48
prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, *crescendo*

57
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, *ff* with the Ho - ly Spi -

66
rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Old Testament 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,

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.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 (said responsively by half verse)

The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

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.

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.

The law of the Lord is perfect

and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure

and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just

and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the Lord is clear

and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean

and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true

and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,

more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey,

than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *

cleanse me from my secret faults.

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.

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 New Testament Reading: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn WLP 675 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944) Copyright ©1984, John Hooker. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Children's Chapel

During the singing of the last stanza of the Sequence Hymn, children through second grade are invited to an adult-led worship specifically for children in the Creation Chapel. They will return in time to share the Peace and Holy Communion.

Gospel **Mark 8:27-38**

Priest: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon - The Rev. Elisa Harres

The Nicene Creed *(also on page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

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, Form III *(on page 387 in the Book of Common Prayer) (please kneel as you are able)*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding Bishop, Rob, Don, and Paul our Bishops, Tom and Elisa, our priests and we pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for our Nation and its people

That we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

We pray for Joseph, our President and Brian, our Governor and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others. *(please add your prayers)*

A Litany for the Anniversary of September 11, 2001

For those who lost their lives in the attacks of September 11, 2001,

Lord, hear our prayer

For those living with injury, loss, and trauma,

Lord, hear our prayer

For those who lost life and limb in Afghanistan and Iraq

Lord, hear our prayer

For our enemies, that you would turn their hearts,

Lord, hear our prayer

For our healing, protection, and guidance in the days ahead

Lord, hear our prayer

For the leaders of the nations and all who are in positions of authority, that they may hear your voice above all others and act to end strife and bring healing.

Lord, hear our prayer

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of this life. *(please add your thanksgivings)*

The priest adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

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.

The Absolution

The Exchange of the Peace of Jesus Christ

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

People: And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory *The congregation offers to God gifts of bread and wine, as well as gifts of money, and music.*

Offertory Voluntary (8:00)

Interlude

Henry Smart

Offertory Anthem (10:30)

Christ Be With Me

Noel Rawsthorne

Presentation Hymn

(Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A *(also on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer)*

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.

People: It is right to give him 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...

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus, S-129

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. _____

The Celebrant continues:

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction Anthem, Hymnal S-155

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion

All are welcome at the table either to receive the blessing of the church if you are not baptized (please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest), or to share in communion with Christ and his church if you are a baptized Christian of any age or any denomination.

For those not receiving communion, including those joining us online, we invite you to use this prayer first prayed by an 18th century saint who also experienced a time without communion.

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymn 654 Day by Day
312 Strengthen for Service, Lord

Postcommunion Prayer (*also in the Book of Common Prayer, page 366*)

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 525 The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Voluntary

Triumphant Voluntary

James Mansfield

Events & Announcements for the week of September 12

To learn more about our church, speak with the people in the pews or speak with a Greeter who can help you find your way and share various resources to help you know us better. We would also love to greet you at our coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service. Subscribe to the Weekly E-News, featuring announcements & upcoming events, by logging onto peterandpaul.org, scroll to the bottom to sign up!

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.

God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in:

Worship of God

The Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 3 – We welcome you to worship God with us on Sunday, October 3 at 4:00 PM, and we pray that you will find the presence of God in this service and through this Christian Community. We gather to hear from Holy Scripture about our stewardship of creation, and to offer prayers and ask blessings on the animals who are our companions!

Are you Interested in Joining the Adult Choir? – If so, George Chesnut (gchesnut@peterandpaul.org) wants to talk with you! Our regular season's rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. We begin in the Choir Room for music pickup and instructions, then move to the Choir Loft to sing. We are observing the parish's policy regarding COVID protocols. Please give prayerful consideration to joining us!

Discipleship for all Ages

Sunday Night Youth Groups are in Session! Middle School meets from 5:00-6:30 PM, dinner for both groups is from 6:00-6:30 PM and High School meets from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Sunday School – Join us for Adult Education Classes Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 AM: The Message of the Twelve on the Minor Prophets, Women's Sunday School Class – Parables: The Greatest Story Ever Told, Growing Christian Families for parents of young children and Thrive for parents of teens.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study - We are returning to our Bible Study roots! On Wednesday, September 15, we will recommence our study of the Book of Acts. Come experience the rich story of the earliest days of the Christian church as the apostles carry out Jesus's last command to go and make disciples of all the nations. All women are welcome! Come join our thought-provoking discussions and find the community and spiritual growth you have been seeking. Contact the church office at peterandpauloffice@gmail.com for more information. *Location:* In-person in the Garden Room and online via Zoom, every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM. *Facilitator:* Amy Stillwell.

Small Groups – Small groups begin September 13 and continue for 12 weeks. All of our groups will be studying Psalms: Prayers of the Heart by Eugene Peterson. Contact the church office for more information or to register.

Serving Christ in the World

St. Peter & St. Paul needs Volunteers – If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, use your gifts or just help around the church, we are in need of volunteers! There are always opportunities available, from ushering at funerals to helping out during coffee hour! Email us at peterandpauloffice@gmail.com to get connected.

Stephen Ministry – Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and very helpful. If you are interested, contact Mother Elisa at eharres@peterandpaul.org.

