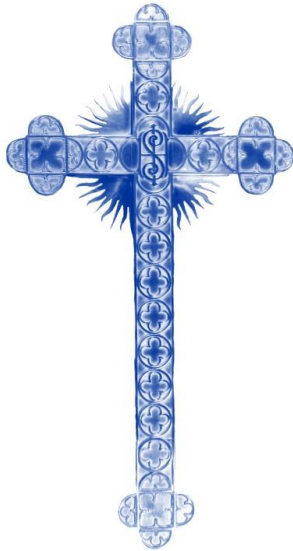


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

September 8, 2024 ✦ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 329

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Pange lingua

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-278*

Glory to God

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

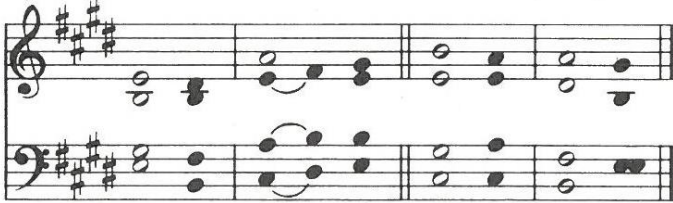
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

The Psalm

Psalm 146
Lauda, anima mea

S 412

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord, O my **soul!** *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my **being.**
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of **earth,** *
for there is no **help in them.**
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to **earth,** *
and in that day their thoughts **perish.**
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their **help!** *
whose hope is in the Lord their **God;**
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is **in them;** *
who keeps his promise for **ever;**
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are **oppressed,** *
and food to those who **hunger.**
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the **blind;** *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed **down;**
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the **stranger;** *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the **wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for **ever**, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Hymn # 493 (vv.1-4)

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

The Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Hymn # 493 (v.5)	O for a thousand tongues to sing	<i>Azmon</i>
The Sermon		The Rev. Webster Gibson
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The Prayers of the People (Congregation response: <i>Hear our prayer.</i>)		
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The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
Hymn # 371	Thou whose almighty word	<i>Moscow</i>
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP, p. 367
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The Invitation		p. 364
The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

To receive the wine:

- To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.
- To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion (*All Singing*)

Hymn

From miles around the sick ones came

1. From miles a - round the sick ones came, in hope that One they
2. And still they come, new preys of plague, while of - ten in their
3. Re - call us to our mis-sion, Lord, to reach for those cut

heard was Lord would make their souls and bod - ies
rooms of prayer God's peo - ple wor - ship, safe and
off, in pain; to of - fer friend-ship, strength, and

well, with heal - ing touch or sav - ing word.
 sound, un - heed - ing, e - ven un - a - ware.
 peace and be a faith - ful church a -

3. gain.

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Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn # 375 Give praise and glory unto God *Du Lebensbrat, Herr Jusu Christ*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

* “S” Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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