

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

September 17, 2023 ✠ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn # 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-278*

Glory to God

William Mathias

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.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Psalm

Psalm 103:1-13 *Benedic, anima mea*

Cantor will sing the antiphon, the choir will repeat the antiphon, then the congregation will sing the antiphon. The congregation is invited to join the choir singing the verses and the antiphon at its appointed places.



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- 1 Bless the Lord, O my **soul**, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy **Name**.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my **soul**, *
and forget not all his **benefits**. *[Antiphon]*
- 3 He forgives all your **sins** *
and heals all your **infirmities**;
- 4 He redeems your life from the **grave** *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-**kindness**; *[Antiphon]*
- 5 He satisfies you with **good things**, *
and your youth is renewed like an **eagle's**.
- 6 The Lord executes **righteousness** *
and judgment for all who are **oppressed**. *[Antiphon]*
- 7 He made his ways known to **Moses** *
and his works to the children of **Israel**.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and **mercy**, *
slow to anger and of great **kindness**. *[Antiphon]*
- 9 He will not always **accuse us**, *
nor will he keep his anger for **ever**.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our **sins**, *
nor rewarded us according to our **wickedness**. *[Antiphon]*

- 11 For as the heavens are high above the **earth**, *
so is his mercy great upon those who **fear him**.
- 12 As far as the east is from the **west**, *
so far has he removed our sins **from us**.
- 13 As a father cares for his **children**, *
so does the Lord care for those who **fear him**. [*Antiphon*]

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Hymn # 674

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"

Detroit

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten

thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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The Holy Communion

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The Communion of the People		

Please wait for the ushers to signal your pew to come up. The clergy will distribute communion from the center of the chancel. The wine distribution is on both sides of the chancel.

For the bread, hold both hands out and up, one over the other, so the clergy can drop the bread into your hands without touching your hands.

For the wine,

- **To sip or intinct:** *cup distribution is on BOTH sides of the chancel. Move to the chalice for a small cup of wine. Consume the wine and place cup in the white tray on the table at the bottom of the steps. To intinct, please use the small cup of wine, intinct the wafer, and then place the wine cup in the white tray at the bottom of the steps.*
- **To receive from the common cup:** *The common cup is only on the LEFT SIDE of the chancel. Go to the left and receive from the chalice at the Paige Chapel rail. Do **not** intinct into the common chalice.*

Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to cross your arms over your chest and receive a no-contact blessing.

During Communion

Hymn # 577

God is love, and where true love is

Ubi caritas (Murray)

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Hymn # 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

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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