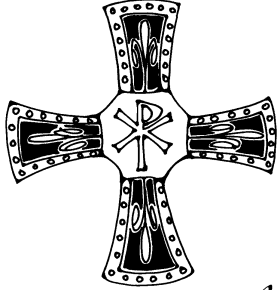


IF ANY
WOULD COME
AFTER ME
LET THEM



DENY THEMSELVES
AND TAKE UP
THEIR CROSS
AND FOLLOW ME.

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St. John's Episcopal Church

The SIXTEENTH Sunday after PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist , Rite II
September 08, 2024 · 10:30 AM

All are welcome to worship God in this place.
In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.
Bold print indicates all the people shall read aloud

PRELUDE Canon in Octave

Samuel B. Whitney

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Thou, Whose Almighty Word

Hymnal 371

Moscow

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

THE WORD OF THE LORD

OPENING SENTENCES & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer 355

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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;

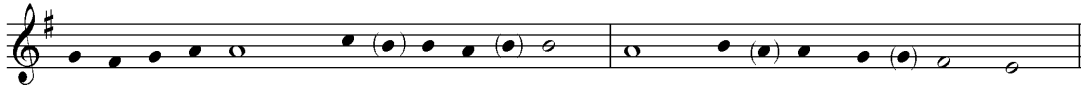
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

Lauda, anima mea

We will sing the psalm together.



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 2:1-17

Reader A reading from the letter of James.

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. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL HYMN *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Hymnal - 602

Chereponi

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

The Gospeller introduces the Gospel, saying

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospeller continues

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Abraham Allende

THE NICENE CREED

Book of Common Prayer 358

All 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

Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williamson

- Lector* My brothers and sister, those who trust in the Lord stand fast forever. Relying on our God, let us pray, “Show your goodness, O Lord; **Lord, Have mercy.**”
- Lector* Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts. Deliver your Church from making hurtful distinctions and from all evil thoughts. We pray for our Bishops, Michael, Sean, Anne, and for all of our Priests and Deacons.
- Silence*
- Lector* Show your goodness, O Lord;
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Lector* Loving God, we pray for the poor. It is you who plead their cause, who defend their dignity. Give us hearts to love others as we are loved by you.
- Silence*
- Lector* Show your goodness, O Lord;
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Lector* Loving God, maker and creator of all things, we give you thanks for the beauty of creation and for the gifts of the earth.
- I invite anyone in the congregation to add your thanksgivings. *Silence*
- Lector* Show your goodness, O Lord;
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Lector* We pray for those who work to preserve the lives of your creatures. We thank you, O God, for the amazing diversity with which you have blessed us.
- Silence*
- Lector* Show your goodness, O Lord;
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Lector* Loving Jesus, in your words, in your touch, is healing. Speak new life to those suffering, to those in need of mercy.
- I invite anyone in the congregation to add their petitions. *Silence.*
- Lector* Show your goodness, O Lord;
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Lector* Gracious God, with your mercy triumphs over judgement. Accept the dead into your great mercy. May we, with all who have died, dwell in your love forever.
- Silence*
- Lector* Show your goodness, O Lord;
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Celebrant Holy and Merciful God, open your ears to our call; listen to the cries of our hearts. Accept our prayers and answer them according to your good and perfect will. In the name of Jesus, the Lord of glory, we pray. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

All 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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Thomas Tallis

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please indicate to Pastor Allende if you would prefer the gluten free wafers.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Book of Common Prayer 361

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Book of Common Prayer 364

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S- 163

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

The Celebrant invites the congregation forward to receive Holy Communion with these or similar words

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET O Lord, Increase Our Faith

Henry Loosemore

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in your, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come.
Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

CLOSING HYMN O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Hymnal - 493 Azmon

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heayen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Allegro con spiritu

Frank Bridge

MUSIC NOTES

Samuel B. Whitney (1842-1914) was an American organist and composer. He taught at the New England Conservatory and Boston University. In 1871 he was appointed as Organist-Choirmaster of the Church of the Advent in Boston. Whitney composed primarily for the organ as well as some chamber music. He also wrote a book devoted to choir training at a time when Episcopal churches were rapidly expanding and had growing choirs. The prelude this morning is a canon, which means that a melody follows a melody at a certain distance and interval.

We welcome back St. John's Choir this morning. Both motets are from the Tudor era. Thomas Tallis was the preeminent composer of his time and on the side had the King's patent for music publishing, which he shared with William Byrd. Sadly, we don't know much at all about Henry Loosemore.

Today's postlude is by the English composer Frank Bridge (1879-1941). While Bridge was not an organist, it is his organ music that seems to receive the most playing time.



WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:
T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Kim Daniels, Brian Hill, Tom Wrona,
Jim Ehret, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Adam Sullivan,
Doug Hotchkiss, Charles Rumberg, Derrie Wilkes, Tom & Diane,
Twila, Carol, Wally, Emma Jones, Ron Robertson,
Diane New, Gaynell Harris

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Today's Altar Flowers are given to the honor and glory of God in memory of Gary Kirkland by Allan DeMarks; George Terry Errington by George & Carol Errington.

Today's Aumbry Candle is given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of Jeff Eckenrode by Sally Oberman; Ron Frankenhauser by Chuck & Debbie Schiffhauer; Dolores Yannucci by GERALYN & JOE DeNiro.

UBE Sunday On Sunday, September 8th, the Union of Black Episcopalians celebrates the life and legacy of our notable saint, the Reverend Alexander Crummell. Crummell was the personification of the will to overcome during the 19th century, successfully confronting and prevailing over barriers erected because of his race. For more information, see the bulletin insert.

Adult Forum Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet by Adam Hamilton will be led by Rev. David Hill on Sunday mornings in the Parlor at 9:15 a.m. beginning Sept. 22. The six-week study will conclude on Oct. 27. In this study, Hamilton explores the sites of Moses' life from the Nile River to the Reed Sea, from Mt. Sinai to the wilderness. As we follow in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who blazed a trail of faith, Hamilton hopes we will "not only come to know Moses, but see how his life and story speak to our lives and stories today." All are welcome to join us. Please let David or Heather know if you are interested, so that we can order study books soon.

Book Club Meeting Our book club is currently reading *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Discuss the book with us on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00pm. Light refreshments served.

International Students Picnic Please join us in welcoming the International Students to Youngstown with a picnic on Thursday, September 19th at 5pm. If you would like to assist with this, please contact the office.

EfM Begins Tuesday, September 24th at 5:30pm

Nurses Meeting Nurses are invited to join us on September 27th at 12:30pm in the Parlor as we discover how we can assist our Parish members.

Non-violence Parade Sign up on the bridge if you would like to join us for the Non-Violence Parade and Rally on Sunday, October 6th at 3:00pm.

Blessing of the Animals service will be held Saturday, October 12th at 2pm