



16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 12, 2021 - 9:00am

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

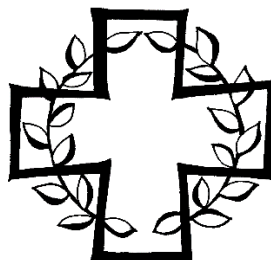
Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.



GATHERING SONG: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME
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GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. 

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. 

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.


²⁷Jesus 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?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then 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. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But 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.”

³⁴He 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. ³⁵For 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. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. 

SERMON

Silence for reflection

SONG OF THE DAY: *I Danced in the Morning*

Sydney Bertram Carter

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words: "Peace be with you."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, we give you fullest thanks and praise for heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. 

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our risen Lord's body and blood.

**You may use any bread or crackers and wine or juice.*

**If others are with you, you may take turns sharing the bread and wine. Eat or give the bread, saying: "The body of Christ given for you." Drink or give the wine, saying: "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

**You may trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of children who do not yet commune and speak these or similar words to them: "The Lord bless you and keep you today and always."*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Cry of My Heart*

Terry Butler

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. 

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I Danced In The Morning

Words and Music by
Sydney Bertram Carter
Old Shaker Tune

VERSE



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
2. I danced for the scribe _ and the Phar - i - see, but they
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the ___ lame, ___ the
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned _ black; ___ It's
5. They cut Me ___ down _ and I leapt up ___ high,



danced in the moon and the stars _ and the sun, and I came down from heav - en and I
would not _ dance and they would -n't fol - low Me; I ___ danced for the fish - er-men, for
ho - ly ___ peo - ple ___ said it was a shame; They _ whipped and they stripped _ and they
hard to ___ dance with the dev - il on your back; They _ bur - ied My bod - y and they
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll ___ live in ___ you ___ if you'll

CHORUS



danced on the earth, _ at Beth - le - hem I ___ had My birth. "Dance, then, wher -
James and _ John; _ They came with _ Me and the dance went on.
hung Me on high; And they left Me ___ there on a Cross to die.
thought I'd ___ gone, _ But I am the dance and I still go on.
live in ___ Me; "I am the Lord of the Dance," said He.



-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance," said He. "And I'll



lead you all ___ wher - ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance," said He.

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Cry Of My Heart

Words and Music by
Terry Butler

CHORUS 1a



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart



to be close _ to _ You. It is the cry of my heart to fol - low

CHORUS 1a



all of the days _ of my life. _ It is the cry of my heart



to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart to be close _ to _ You.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low all of the days _ of my life. _

VERSE



1. Teach me Your ho - ly ways, _ oh Lord, _
2. O - pen my eyes so I _ can see _ the



so I can walk in Your truth. _ Teach me Your ho - ly ways, .
won - der - ful things that You do. _ O - pen my heart up more .



_ oh Lord, and make me whol - ly de - vot - ed to You. Oh! Oh! Whoa! _
_ and more and make it whol - ly de - vot - ed to You. Oh! Oh! Whoa! _

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