



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 9:00am

The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

Welcome to The Rev. Dr. Debra Bullock

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Deb this morning and are looking forward to hearing her word to us and celebrating the work of Jesus with her. Welcome!

Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for quiet prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

What's Happening

The bulletin is your guide to everything happening in our parish. It contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found here in the bulletin or the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

Hymntune Psalms

For the next few weeks, we will chant the Psalms. You are welcome to join in the chant, using the music in the bulletin.

Communion

Everyone, including children, are welcome to receive Communion.

Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your

child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Online Worship

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you aren't able to join us for our in person service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciatingurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- **Masks are optional inside. Please gauge your own continuum of safety.**

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

#397, Blue Hymnal, *The Hymnal 1982*

Now thank we all our God

Opening Proclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People: **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 #S280, Blue Hymnal, Hymnal 1982

Collect of the Day

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.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Proper 19A Psalm 103:8-13

Based on "Wondrous Love" (H82-439)

Antiphon (1. Organ 2. Choir & Friends 3. Everyone)

The Lord is full of com- pas-sion and mer-cy, slow to an- ger and of great kind-ness.

Verses (Choir & Friends):

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1a. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
 2a. He will not always ac- cuse us,
 4a. For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 5a. As far as the east is from the west,

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1b. slow to anger and of great kindness,
 2b. nor will he keep his anger for ever.
 4b. so is his mercy great upon those who fear him,
 5b. so far has he removed our sins from us.

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3a. He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
 6a. As a father cares for his children,

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3b. nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. (Antiphon- Everyone)
 6b. so does the Lord care for those who fear him. (Antiphon- Everyone)

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

#583, *Celebration Hymnal*

You are my all in all

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Reader: 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Deb Bullock

The Creed

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 who is
worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.

Prayers of the People, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. Let us pray for Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, the Diocese of Southeast Mexico and Renk, and agencies of our Diocese.
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; including Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop, Pastor Jenni, Deacon Anne, Rev Jane, Deacon Linda, and Rev Deb.

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

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Leader: This morning we pray for: *Bishop Michael, Bishop Paula; Bishop Samy and Venerable Canon Donne; the peace of Jerusalem, for the victims of gun violence; the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS and the Community Meal program, for those in war-torn places, especially Ukraine, Southern Sudan, and Haiti, Lindsey, Sara and Barry, Andrew, Phyllis, Barb and Warren, Joshua, Marion and Bill, Sue, Mike, Karen, Walter, Frank, Linda, Stacy, the Keller-Kett Family, Jerry; A.S.; Karen; Fiakira, Romainia, Norbert, Erica, Elitsiana; Ashley; Helene; John.*

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including *Liam Mellen, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Christopher Froelich, Karl Mohrmann, Trish Hull, Clay Anderson, and Quinton Hocking.*

Leader: O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants *Laura Fulton (9/18), Ruth Chatlien (9/18), Bill Hagan (9/19), and Jennifer Edwards (9/23)* as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in you all the days of their lives.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

Offertory

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's name; bring offerings and come into his courts with praise and thanksgiving.

Offertory Hymn

#228 Red Hymnal, LEVAS II
Go down Moses

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread and wine that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread and the cup and said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood." Amen.

Deacon: You have been entrusted with the sacraments of the church. Go and share these signs of our community with those who are unable to be a part of our gathering, and assure them that they are in our prayers. May you bring peace to these places that welcome you.

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Book of Common Prayer: Prayer A

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus #S129, Blue Hymnal 1982

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 forever.

People: AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Receiving Communion

You're Invited: *This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*

Host: *Our communion is by bread or wafer. The priest or deacon will place the sacrament in your hand.*

Wine: *You are invited to receive the wine by the common cup, either by sipping (please guide the chalice with your hand) or by intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine). Additionally, if you would like to receive in the single-serving cups, a Eucharistic Minister will have a tray of cups by the right ambulatory.*

Gluten: *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*

Healing Prayer: *If you would like someone to pray for you for healing of mind, body, or spirit, you're invited to go to the side chapel at any time during Communion..*

Communion Hymn

#516 Blue Hymnal, Hymnal 1982
Come down, O love divine

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
You're invited to stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant and People: *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.

Blessing

Celebrant: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements

Closing Hymn

#309, Blue Hymnal, Hymnal 1982
Praise to the Lord Almighty

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Worship Ministers

Crucifer Bob Coates and Tom Crafton
1st Reader Stacy Miller
2nd Reader Dale Sander
Prayers Sandy Sander
Euch. Minister Marge Hocking and Terry Kline
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Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annunciation is a place..

To be included

To be honest

To be challenged

To be empowered

To find hope