

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST— PROPER 19



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

9:00 AM

9 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Opening hymn	<i>When morning gilds the skies</i>	427 (hymnal)
Opening Acclamation		355 (prayer book)
Collect for purity		355 (prayer book)
Hymn of Praise		822 (WLP)

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be
 blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Till
 ev' - ry - where be - neath the sun, God's reign be - gins; God's will is
 done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

God the compassionate one, whose loving care extends to all the world, we remember this day your children of many nations and many faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Console those who continue to suffer and grieve, and give them comfort and hope as they look to the future. Out of

what we have endured, give us the grace to examine our relationships with those who perceive us as the enemy, and show our leaders the way to use our power to serve the good of all for the healing of the nations. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who, in reconciling love, was lifted up from the earth that he might draw all things to himself. Amen.

I reading— Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader: A reading from Isaiah

The 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.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I 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.
The 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;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-8

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.

II reading— James 3:1-12

Reader: A reading from the Letter of James

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel— Mark 8:27-38

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ

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

Then 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But 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.” He 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. For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those 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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
The Nicene Creed		358 (prayer book)
Prayers of the People		
Confession		360 (prayer book)
The Peace		360 (prayer book)
Hymn (<i>Please Stand</i>)	<i>Take up your cross the Savior said</i>	675 (hymnal)
The Great Thanksgiving		361 (prayer book)
The Lord’s Prayer		364 (prayer book)
The Breaking of the Bread		364 (prayer book)
Post Communion Prayer		365 (prayer book)
Blessing		
Closing hymn	<i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>	593 (hymnal)

During the closing hymn, please move to the flag pole for the dedication of bricks.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord.

Make us instruments of your peace.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, especially those led to acts of terror; that in the aftermath of the destruction of September 11th, 2001 we may grow ever more deeply in your spirit of justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.

For all who believe in you, Lord Christ, and all whose faith is known to you alone, that they may be delivered from the darkness of fanaticism that arises from poverty and oppression, and from the pride that arises from wealth and comfort, and brought into your light, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is discord, let us sow union.

For those who have lost their faith in you, for those who continue to mourn those who died on that terrible day, that your Church may give comfort and hope in this time of remembrance, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

For all those whose spirit has been broken and whose lives have been disrupted by the violence of that day and its aftermath, we offer our prayers along with the persecuted, the lonely, and the sick, and those who have bid our prayers today, that they may be relieved and protected. Especially we pray for those members and friends of our parish who need are prayers, including:

Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Agnes Morgan, Dottie Carrie, Andy Darrohn, Donny Witkowski, Merle Geisler, Bruce Lewis, Kathy Dennis, Jason, Bill, Steven, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, Joyce, Mary, Bev, Joe, Frank, Liz, Kay and those we now name with our lips or in our hearts.

(pause)

For these and for those whose need we do not know, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church, especially in our Diocese of Central New York and in our parish; that we may hear the Gospel and proclaim it in word and action to build up your kingdom here on earth, we pray to you, O Lord:

Where there is darkness, let us sow light.

For all who died in the terror of September 2001 and as a result of that day, and for those others whom we remember today, especially Barbara Allen and Barbara Simons, and those remembered on our memorial bricks, especially Barbara Coon , Garth Foster, Dorothy Divers, Linda Savacool, Charles Atwater, Levy Margosian, and Bob Johnson.

Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.

We pray for those in our parish family; especially giving thanks for Peter & Rosemary Coyne, Sue Purdy, and those honored on our commemorative bricks especially Julie, Michael & Christopher Baker, Carmella Marie Arcuri, Guiliana Rae Arcuri, Rocco Francis Arcuri III, Julie & Rocco Arcuri, Katrina and Christopher Baker, Courtney and Michael Baker, Elsie Mae Baker, and Clara Coggins Baker.

(pause)

And we pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love.

Take heart, in Christ we have been reconciled to God.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we reborn to eternal life. Amen.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BRICKS

New bricks have been installed in memory of Barbara Coon , Garth Foster, Dorothy Divers, Linda Savacool, Charles Atwater, Levy Margosian, and Bob Johnson, and in honor of Julie, Michael & Christopher Baker, Carmella Marie Arcuri, Guiliana Rae Arcuri, Rocco Francis Arcuri III, Julie & Rocco Arcuri, Katrina and Christopher Baker, Courtney and Michael Baker, Elsie Mae Baker, and Clara Coggins Baker

We have gathered to dedicate these bricks, to remember those persons whose names are inscribed on these bricks, and to give thanks for the way these lives have enriched our own. Today we also remember before God all 9/11 first responders in honor of whom this flag pole is dedicated and pray for those who continue in that work.

Let us pray

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from Wisdom

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

V. All things come from you, O Lord;

R. And from your own gifts do we give to you.

V. Prosper the work of our hands;

R. Prosper our handiwork.

V. Show your servants your works;

R. And your splendor to their children.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart these bricks to your praise and glory and in honor of those whose names are inscribed thereon. We ask that we may have that same faith and dedication to you that we find inscribed in the lives of these persons, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord God, whose son Jesus is the one foundation and chief cornerstone of your church. Bless these memorial bricks given to your honor and glory. We give you thanks for the good examples of all your servants, especially those who have finished their course in faith and now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through him who died and rose again, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



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