



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The
Sixteenth
Sunday
after Pentecost

Suffolk, Virginia

September 17, 2023

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 9:30

Organ Voluntary: *"The peace may be exchanged"* – Dan Locklair

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Salutation: p. 355

A Hymn of Praise: *O bless the Lord, my soul* (stanza 1 & 2) **#411**

The Collect of the Day: p. 232

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.

Today's Readings from Holy Scripture

The First Lesson: **Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a warrior;
the LORD is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;
his picked officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power--
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty
you overthrew your adversaries;
you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up,
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, "I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them."

You blew with your wind, the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in
her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambou-
rines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Response: **Psalm 103:1-13**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

**He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

The New Testament 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn: ***At the Name of Jesus*** (stanza 1) **#435**

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 18:21-35**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson

The Nicene Creed:

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The Prayers of the People: Form IV

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Birthdays: Connie Happel.

Anniversaries: Tom & Nan Coxe, Beau & Susan Holland and Bob & Susanne Leonard.

Parish Prayer List: Ronnie Aylward, Magdalene Barnes, Arthur Buchanan, Juel Carr, Rainey Dail, John Dickens, Connie Garris, Connie Happel, Richard Harrell, Patricia Hundley, Diane Liles, Peggy Moore, Irma Mottley, Fran Ossman, Frances Pettit, Doreen Pickering, Barbara Powell, Dawn Powell, Wanda Rector, and Lyn Snyder.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Minnie & Lloyd Sumner (parents of Nina Matukewicz).

The Confession and Absolution:

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The Offertory

The Anthem: ***Bless the Lord, O my soul*** - Mikail Ippolitof-Ivanof

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all within me bless His holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And forget not all His benefits.
He is gracious and plenteous in mercy,
as a father pitieth his children,
so the Lord pitieth them that love Him,
and remember His commandments to do them.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A:

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The Sanctus: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord***

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The Lord's Prayer:

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The Fraction Anthem: ***Be know to us, Lord Jesus*** - Thom Robertson

Antiphon

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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

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Choir: The bread which we break, is the communion of the body of Christ.
One body are we, for though many, we share one bread. (*All repeat Antiphon*)

The Communion of the People:

Every person who has been baptized into the Christian faith and life in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of age or denominational affiliation.

You may stand or kneel at the Altar Rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. As per

diocesan guidelines, communion wine is served from the common cup and individual intinction is not authorized at this time. Studies indicate this a safe practice with very little risk of spreading germs or viruses. Please know receiving the Bread alone is considered to be 'full communion.' If you are not able to negotiate the Chancel steps the priest will be happy to bring communion to you at your pew.

Most Sundays a member of the congregation will be available to pray with you privately after you receive communion. This person will be standing at the Prayer Desk next to the pulpit. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for healing and grace.

The Communion Hymn: ***Bless the Lord my soul*** **WLP #825**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion: p. 366

The Blessing:

A Hymn: ***There's a wideness in God's mercy*** (stanza 1 & 3) **#470**

The Dismissal: p. 366

Children's Celebration

An Organ Voluntary: **Trumpet Tune in D**

– David N. Johnson

Calendar

Today A Celebration of **Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 with **Coffee Hour** to follow.

Gospel Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social beginning at 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

9/20 **The Women's Bible Study** begins a new session being at 10:00 AM in the Guild Room.

9/24 A Celebration of **Holy Eucharist** at 9:30 with **Coffee Hour** to follow.

10/1 St. Francis Day **Blessing of the Pets** in the side yard at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Assisting in Today's Service

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>L.E.M.</u>	<u>Vestry Ushers</u>
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The Treasurer: Gail Pruden

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