ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 17, 2023 10:45 A.M.

You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member, and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.

If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service. We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome Center.

This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back of the sanctuary.

Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a a través de Cristo.

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, "ordinary" meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ's eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God's creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God's love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please to not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

I hope to meet you before and/or after worship, but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay + Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Organ Voluntary: "Hymn Medley"

Welcome & Announcements See Insert

Sacred Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.





Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Presider 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. **Amen.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.
Children's Moment

After the Children's Moment, the children are invited to return to their families and be seated.

The Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter 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.

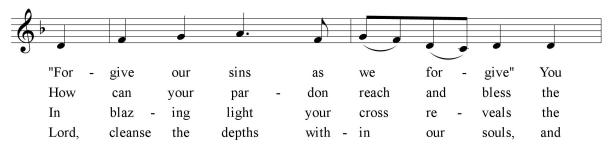
Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.



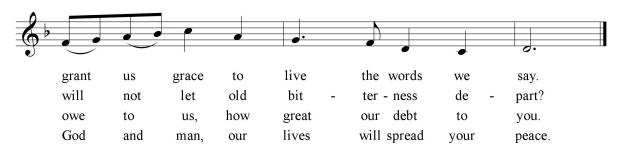
Gospel Acclamation: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots

Music: Detroit







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Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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

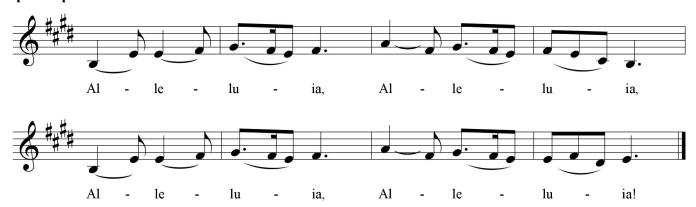
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

Gospel Response: "Celtic Alleluia"



Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Sacred Silence.

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Nicene 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 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.

Please stand.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially for the ministries of those churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Grove, Center for the Assistance of Infants and Families (CAIF) Ministry for Education & Welfare of Young Children, and for our companion Diocese of Uruguay.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops, for Father Joseph, Deacon Karen, and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

For those with medical issues or other concerns: Judy Moon, Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, Nahomi Gudino, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Gale Wilkerson, Bill Landis, Reggie Egins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh, Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills, Tess Wade, Michael Parks, Allen Weaver, Kermit Jones, Inna Jones, Felicia Estrada-Trujillo, Ernesto Trujillo, Valdo Trujillo, Claudia Estrada, Ricardo Estrada, Tatiana Velasquez Chicas, Brandi Eaton-Wiles.

For those in the military: Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stiendl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, Jefferson C, our troops at home and abroad and their families.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: *Dianne Norton, Jeannie Haas, Frank Stone, Joe Jackson, Melinda Myers, Manville Duncanson, Jr.*

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week: Mark & Marsha Tygert, Mike & Shana Dale Fagan, Jesse & Roberta Heath, Lee & Tiffany Stephens.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they might have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

We remember: Wyatt Dean Montgomery, Lou Anne Davis.

Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them

Who put their trust in you.

Please kneel.

Confession of Sin

Let us most humbly confess our sins unto the Almighty God.

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.

Absolution

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.**

Please stand.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. -- Ephesians 5:2

During the Offering in Song, please sign the attendance sheet in the bulletin and kindly drop it in the offering plate.

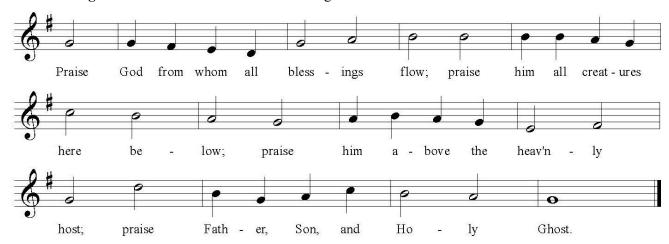
Offering in Song: "I Shall Not Want"

Audrey Assad & Bryan Brown

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Presentation Song: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Eucharistic Prayer C

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We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets

in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and

skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we

turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law.

And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us

the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and

with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in

their unending hymn:





And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Presider 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.

Please be seated.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.

The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.

After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it. Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Altar Prayer

After receiving Communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.

Candle Lighting

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a prayer for yourself or other needs you may have; light a candle, and then place it in the sand containers on either side of the front of the church.

Communion Meditations: "Here I Am"
"Amazing Love"

Yukiko Ishiyama Billy Foote **Communion Hymn:** "We Will Extol You, Ever-Blessed Lord"

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Words: J. Nichol Grieve



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+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Table Blessing

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

People Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Common Worship, Church of England

Presider Let us pray.

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with

you for ever.

People Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: "The Lord Bess and Keep You"

Peter Lutkin

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know each other.

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

Deacon Let us pray.

People O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year.

Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of

their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday, September 17, 2023, 10:45 A.M. The Sixthteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Deacon: The Reverend Karen Hansen

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Moon, Boyd Maser, David Krausse,

Acolytes: Mia Bocanegra, Zipporah Alsay, Amethyst Beck

Lector: Dennis Shockley

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard and Guy Nembhard, Patrick Hays

Organist: Patrick Hays

Guest Musicians: Andrea Soltani

Oblation Bearers: Patsy Hollingsworth and Reiko Osumi

Greeters: Melanie Cannon and Sarah Stuhr

Altar Guild: Patsy Hollingsworth and Janet Wells

Usher: Sara and Jay Kyte

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+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

Altar bells draw the congregation's attention to the Eucharist' salient points. This was particularly critical during Medieval Latin masses, as the communicants were unfamiliar with the language. Ritual Notes states that bells should be rung on four occasions. The first is at the Sanctus (i.e., "Holy (ring), Holy (ring) Lord God of Hosts"...) which has given the name, "sanctus bells", to altar bells. The bells are rung again immediately prior to the Words of Institution ("For in the night in which he was betrayed..."). In Catholic tradition, this is when the elements are about to be become Christ's body and blood, and the communicants' attention should be maximized. Thirdly, the bells are rung thrice after each segment of the Words of Institution so the communicants could worship Christ's elevated presence (the priest genuflects [ring], elevates the consecrated host [ring], and genuflects [ring]). The bells are rung a final time at the Great AMEN inviting the congregation to come forward for Communion. In England, tower bells are often rung simultaneously with the altar bells so that home-bound parishioners could worship with the congregation, and bells are continuously rung during the Gloria at Christmas' midnight mass.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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Clerk: Renee Lewis

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To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector Coleen Christian, Admin Assistant Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M Tuesday -Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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