

# The Sixteenth Sunday

## after Pentecost

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Holy Communion: Rite One



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### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

*Reflections*

Joseph Martin

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT**

**ACCLAMATION**

*[Please stand.]*

- P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- G** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

- A** **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- G** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And with thy Spirit.**
- P** Let us pray... Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.
- G** **Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Isaiah 35:4–7a • Psalm 22:22–27 • James 2:1–10, 14–17 • Mark 7:24–37

*[Please be seated.]*

The First Reading

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 35...*

Say to those who are panicking: "Be strong! Don't fear! Here's your God, coming with vengeance; with divine retribution God will come to save you."

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be cleared. Then the lame will leap like the deer, and the tongue of the speechless will sing. Waters will spring up in the desert, and streams in the wilderness.

The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground, fountains of water. The jackals' habitat, a pasture.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: *[read responsively, L Lector/C Congregation]*

**L** *We will read responsively from Psalm 22...*

**L** Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**C** **For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.**

**L** My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**C** **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"**

**L** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations bow before him.

**C** **For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.**

The Second Reading:

**L** *The Second Reading is taken from James, chapter 2...*

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you

into court? Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself*. But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it.

My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

Ⓙ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel:

*[Please stand.]*

Ⓙ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

☞ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Ⓙ Jesus left that place and went into the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know that he had entered a house, but he couldn't hide. In fact, a woman whose young daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard about him right away. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was Greek, Syrophenician by birth. She begged Jesus to throw the demon out of her daughter. He responded, "The children have to be fed first. It isn't right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

But she answered, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

"Good answer!" he said. "Go on home. The demon has already left your daughter." When she returned to her house, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

After leaving the region of Tyre, Jesus went through Sidon toward the Galilee Sea through the region of the Ten Cities. Some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged him to place his hand on the man for healing. Jesus took him away from the crowd by himself and put his fingers in the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. Looking into heaven, Jesus sighed deeply and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Open up." At once, his ears opened, his twisted tongue was released, and he began to speak clearly.

Jesus gave the people strict orders not to tell anyone. But the more he tried to silence them, the more eagerly they shared the news. People were overcome with wonder, saying, "He does everything well! He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who can't speak."

Ⓙ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

*[Please be seated.]*

## NICENE CREED

*[Please stand.]*

- ☒ **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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*[Sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]*

- ☒ Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- ☒ Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Creating God,
- ☒ **Hear our prayer.**
- ☒ Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese: St. John's, Tampa; Calvary, Indian Rocks Beach; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Creating God,
- ☒ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [Add handwritten names from notebook] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [Time is left for people to speak.] We pray in faith. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for the flowers given to the glory of God. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, [especially... read from notebook]. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [especially... add names from notebook]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [Time is left for people to speak.] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Creating God,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

☩ **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN**

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

☩ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
[Silence is kept.] Most merciful God,

☩ **we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Ⓐ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

### THE PEACE

*[Please stand.]*

Ⓐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ⓐ Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with hearts full of thanksgiving.

### OFFERTORY

#### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*[Please stand when the offering plate is presented by the Deacon.]*

Ⓐ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:

Ⓒ **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**

Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.

Ⓒ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Ⓐ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Ⓒ **It is meet and right so to do.**

Ⓐ It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Ⓒ **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

- ☐ All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

- ☑ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**
- ☐ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
- ☑ **AMEN.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**P** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**G** **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

**P** 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.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

**P** Let us pray.

**G** **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*[Please stand.]*

**P** The Abba of the Christ, the Beloved of the Father, and the Comforter sent from Heaven: the one and only Eternal God, embraces you, walks with you, and gives you life. Go from this place blessed in the name of the Lord Almighty, now and for ever.

**G** **Amen.**

**D** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Postlude in D*

Healey Willan