



PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PETECOST**

The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant
The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Homilist

**HOLY EUCHARIST AND
BAPTISM**
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Processional

From God Christ's Deity Came Forth

Hymn 443

1. From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man-hood from hu - man - i - ty; his
priest-hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.

2. He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der - ness did fast; he
taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.

5. Who then, my Lord, com - pares to you? The Watch - er slept, the Great was small, the
Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

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

People

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

Celebrant

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

The following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S 278

(Organ)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and

peace to his peo - ple on earth.. ___ 2.Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise ___ you for your glo -
 ry. 3.Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, ___ Lord God,
 Lamb of God, 4.you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 (Organ) 6.For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, ___ 7.you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 (Organ) Christ, with the Ho - ly ___ Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. ___ A - men.

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. *Amen.*

First Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

A Reading from Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street;
 in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;
 at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
 and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it again; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
 the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
 the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *

cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

A Reading from 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.

Gradual

Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said

Hymn 675

1. Take up your cross, the Sa- vior said, if you would my dis - ci-ple be;
take up your cross with will-ing heart, and hum-bly fol - low af-ter me.
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool - ish heart be still;
the Lord for you ac - cept-ed death up - on a cross, on Cal-v'ry's hill.
5. Take up your cross, and fol-low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
for on - ly those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glo-rious crown.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord 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."

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

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista

Homily

Holy Baptism

Baptismal Candidates and Sponsors gather around the Font.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidates (adults and older children) who are able to answer for themselves are presented by their sponsors who say
Sponsor *I present N. to receive the sacrament of Baptism.*

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate *I do.*

The Candidates (infants and younger children) are presented by their parents and godparents who say

Parents and Godparents *I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

The Celebrant then asks the candidates, and the parents and godparents

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents *I do.*

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents *I do.*

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People *We will.*

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
 People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
 People *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant then says

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and

born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all the candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying
Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Love is Little

arr. Mark Schweizer

Eucharistic Prayer 3

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

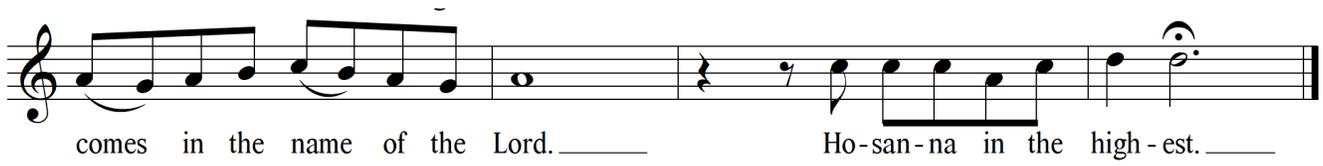
Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, _____ heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho-san-na in the high - est. _____ Bless - ed is he who



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant then continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

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People and Celebrant

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.

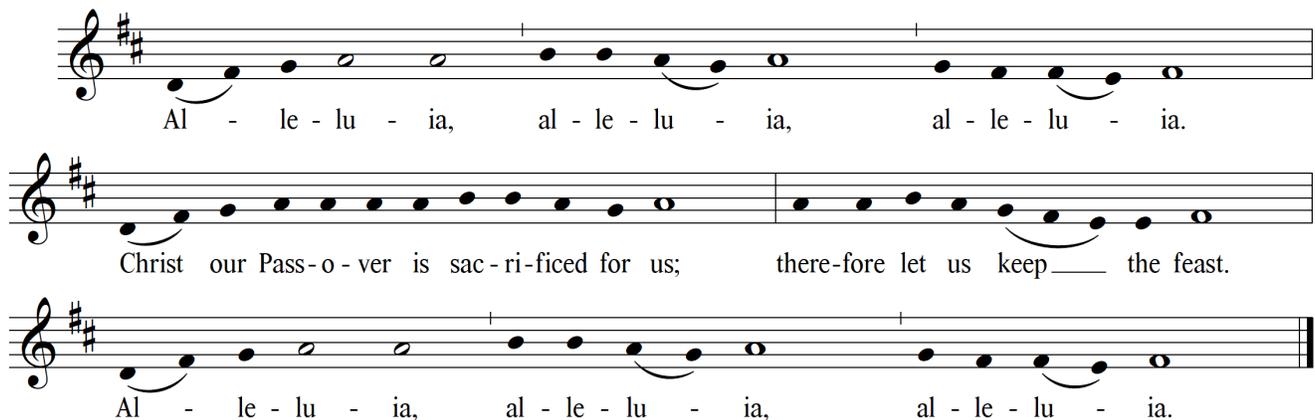
Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154



Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

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.

If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Final Prayer

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 449

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing thought and
fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!

2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly fast - and hun - gered
sore; for us temp - ta - tions sharp he knew; for us the temp - ter ov - er - threw.

3. For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us - his dai - ly - works he
wrought: by words and signs and ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Joanna Li, organist

Voices of St. Paul's

Emily Neuhauser & Linda McKinney, sopranos

Andrea Dreier, alto

Russell McKinney, tenor

Jon Douglas, bass

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