

**St. Gregory's Episcopal Church**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*September 28, 2025*

**PRELUDE**.....Sr. Helena Marie, CHS, Music Director

**THE ANGELUS**

*The Angelus is a traditional Christian devotion offered before Holy Eucharist and Morning and Evening Prayer in honor of the Incarnation. It is usually accompanied by the ringing of the church bell (in three sets of three for each versicle, response, and Hail Mary, followed by one set of nine for the concluding prayer). You may pray it as the bell rings, or use the silence to prepare for worship in your own way.*

*The first three bells*



*V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*The second three bells*

*V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it unto me according to your word.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*The third three bells*

*V. And the Word was made flesh.  
R. And dwelled among us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

*The nine bells*



*V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.....*The Hymnal 1982, #594*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE



I will kin - dle my fire in the morn of the day, in the pres-ence of ho - ly  
an - gels. With-out mal - ice or jeal - ous-y, en - vy or fear, with-out  
ter - ror of an - y-one un - der the sun, but the Ho - ly Be-lov - ed to shield me.  
O Ho - ly one, kin - dle thou here in my heart, a flame of pure love to my  
neigh - bor, to my foe, to my friend, to my kin - dred all, to the  
brave, to the knave, to the thrall. O child of the love-li-est Ma - ry, from the  
low - li-est thing, to the Ho - ly Name, the be - lov - ed of all.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE FIRST READING

*Amos 6:1a,4-7*

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.  
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## THE RESPONSE (*chanted in unison*)

*Psalms 146*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my | **soul!** \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | **being.**
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of | **earth,** \*  
for there is no help | **in them.**
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to | **earth,** \*  
and in that day their thoughts | **perish.**
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their | **help!** \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their | **God;**

- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is | **in them**; \*  
who keeps the promise for | **ever**;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are op|**pressed**, \*  
and food to those who | **hunger**.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the | **blind**; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed | **down**;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous,  
and cares for the | **stranger**; \*  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the | **wicked**.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for | **ever**, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halle|**lujah**!

#### THE EPISTLE

*1 Timothy 6:6-19*

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA



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## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 16:19-31*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

**THE SERMON**.....*The Rev. Gwyneth Murphy*

## 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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Following each petition, the people sing in response:*



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*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Priest says*

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.**

## **THE PEACE**

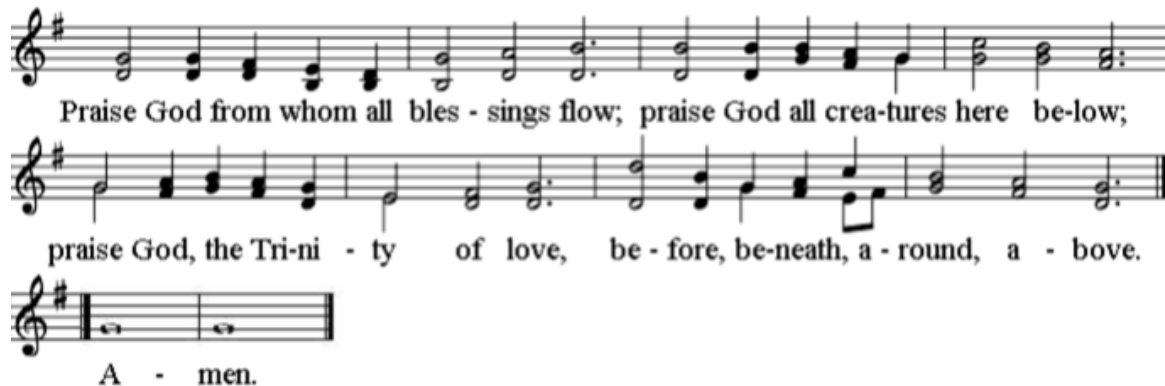
*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Parish announcements may be made.*

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (*sung by choir*)

### **DOXOLOGY**



Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise God, the Tri-ni - ty of love, be - fore, be-neath, a - round, a - bove.  
A - men.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer C*)

*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 God thanks and praise.**

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

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.*

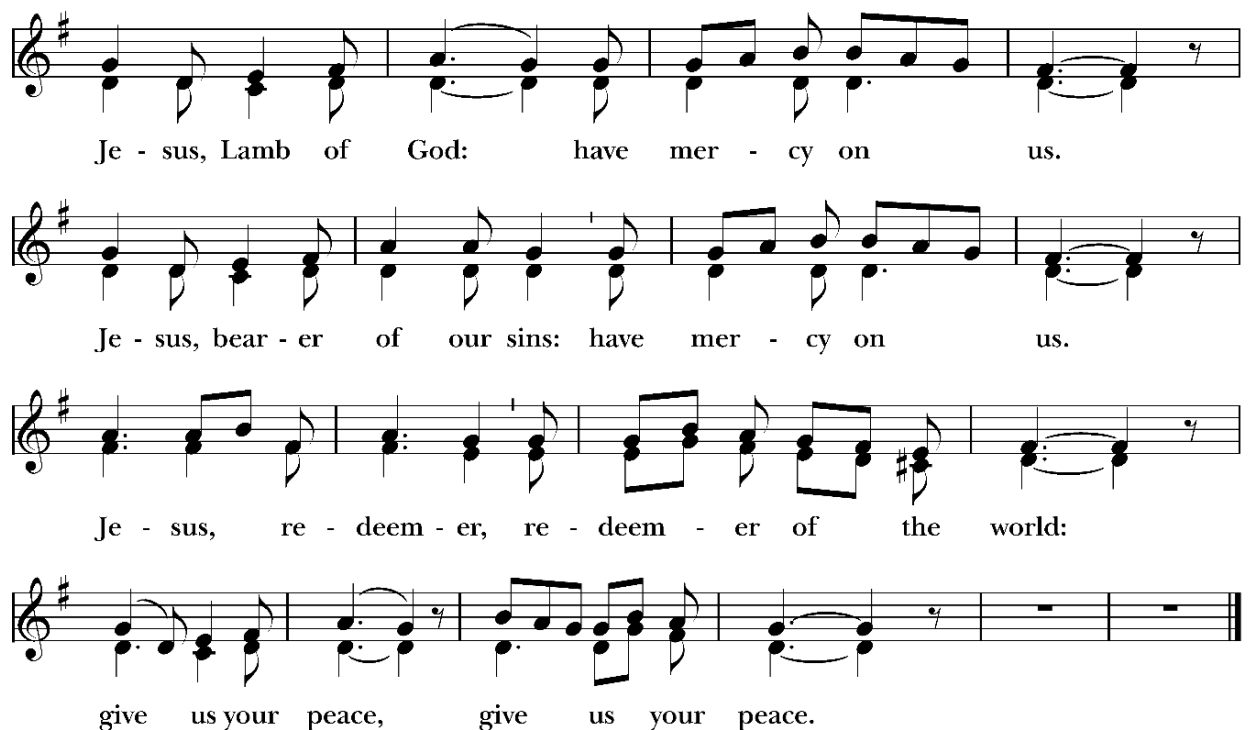
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A brief silence follows. All then joining in singing*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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*If you are unable to physically participate in Communion, you may offer a Prayer of Spiritual Communion during this time.*

### **A Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** (*see following page*)



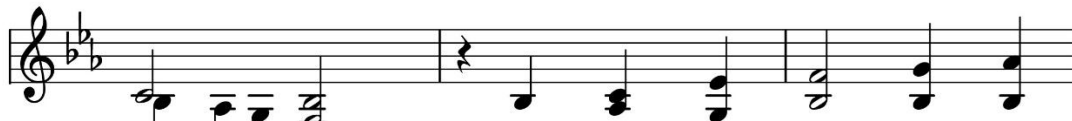
1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,  
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,  
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,  
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - umphant Hal - le - lu - jahs,



the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a  
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the  
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of  
 when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er



friend: Je-sus is Lord; he has cham-pioned the un-  
 least: Je-sus is Lord; he has shown the mas-ter's  
 pain: Je-sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and  
 shore: Je-sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per-



want - ed; in him in - jus - tice con -  
 priv - ilege: to kneel and wash ser-vants'  
 ac - tion; his cross and com - pa - ny  
 fec - tion; his power and love are for



fronts its time - ly end.  
 feet be - fore they feast.  
 make his pur - pose plain.  
 now and then for - ev - er - more.

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*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!