

September 12, 2021

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

Welcome! We're glad you're here. We ask that all persons above the age of 2 wear masks during the church service.

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord

Standing 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al might - y, the King of cre -2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly Lord, who doth 3 Praise to the pros - per thy way and de all 4 Praise to the Lord! 0 let that is in me a 0 tion; my soul, praise him, for 0 he thy a is eth: ea - gle - wings, reign borne as on safe - ly his fend good - ness and thee; sure - ly mer - cy shall his dore him! All that hath and breath come now with life health and sal - va tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y, saints he sus - tain eth. Hast thou not all thou seen how ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al prais - es be - fore him! Let sound from his the a - men 5 or - gan, and sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra tion. song, need - est hath eth? been grant - ed in what he or - dain do, might - y who with his love doth be - friend can thee. peo - ple glad - ly for him. a gain; ev - er a - dore

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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*.

The 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*.

Please be seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Introduction to the Lesson

In the form of a teaching poem, Wisdom is personified and warns that security will come only to those who listen to her counsel.

A reading from the Book of 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."

> The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 19

The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse, alternating each verse with the Lector who reads first.

- The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,
- Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 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.
- 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.
- The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

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.

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

The Second Lesson

James 3: 1-12

Introduction to the Lesson

Teaching is a gift that comes with great power. James recognized this and warns disciples about the importance of careful speech.

A reading from the Letter of 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.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

The Gospel Hymn

At the Name of Jesus



Introduction to the Lesson

Peter proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah, but he does not understand that Christ must suffer and die.

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."

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

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor

The Sermon

The 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 worshipped 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

Celebrant: With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Make us instruments of your peace.*

Celebrant: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love.

Celebrant: For our enemies and those who wish us harm, that in the aftermath of the destruction of September 11th, 2001 we may grow ever more deeply in your spirit of justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord: *People: Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.*

Celebrant: For all who believe in you, Lord Christ, and all whose faith is known to you alone, that they may be delivered from all darkness and brought into your light, we pray to you, O Lord: *People: Where there is discord, let us sow union.*

Celebrant: For those who have lost their faith in you, for those who continue to mourn those who died on that terrible day, that your Church may give comfort and hope in this time of remembrance, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.

Celebrant: For all those whose spirit has been broken and whose lives have been disrupted by the violence of that day and its aftermath, we offer our prayers along with the persecuted, the lonely, and the sick, and those who have bid our prayers today, that they may be relieved and protected. Especially we pray for those in need of healing (Intercessions for healing). For these and for those whose need we do not know, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Where there is despair, let us sow hope.

Celebrant: For the mission and ministry of Church of the Holy Comforter, that we may hear the Gospel and proclaim it in word and action to build up your kingdom here on earth, we pray to you, O Lord: *People: Where there is darkness, let us sow light.*

Celebrant: For all who died in the terror of September 2001 and for those others whom we remember today, especially (Intercessions for the departed); for those who believed in your resurrection and those who did not know your promise of eternal life, in trust that they have been found by you and are at rest in your holy habitation, we pray to you, O Lord: *People: Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.*

Celebrant: We pray for the concerns of our parish; especially giving thanks for those with special celebrations (Intercessions for thanksgiving.) And we pray for the forgiveness of our sins. *People: Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love.*

Celebrant: Take heart, in Christ we have been reconciled to God. *People: For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we reborn to eternal life. Amen.*

The Peace

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

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

They'll know we are Christians





The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A Also found on page 361 in <u>The Book of Common Prayer</u>

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 forever. *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.

Celebrant:	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People:	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant:	The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion: At this time we are only offering altar bread, not wine.

Gluten Free Communion Bread: If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for Gluten Free bread when you come to receive.

Communion Hymn









WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861

Communion Hymn

Surely the presence





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The Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and remain standing through the closing hymn

Celebrant and People: A lmighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing and the Dismissal

Celebrant: Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

(The dismissal is said after the closing hymn. Children are invited to help the clergy with the dismissal.)

- Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
- People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Recessional

A mighty fortress is our God





Welcome to Holy Comforter—We're Glad You're Here!

Our first joy is to welcome our guests and newcomers. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? Please sign our guest register.

Do you want to be part of Holy Comforter? Call the parish office (706-210-1133) and we'll be glad to help you. *Also, please make sure that we have your e-mail address to receive our weekly E-News*

Children's Church

Children's Church begins this morning! Prior to the start of church service parents escort their children, grades Pre-K through 5th, downstairs where their hearts and minds will be filled with God's love. Children will then be escorted upstairs in time for communion. If you Ministry heart for Children's have а and want to know Mallory volunteering. about contact Halterman at Whitaker mallory.halterman@gmail.com Pamela or at pwhitakernp@gmail.com.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes are for those who wish to learn more about the Episcopal Church with an eye on being confirmed on November 7. Confirmation is the sacrament by which a person officially joins the Episcopal Church. Classes are six weeks and will be held on Sundays from 5pm—6pm starting September 19. We meet in person upstairs in the church. You must be 15 years old or older to be confirmed. In preparation, order <u>Jesus was an Episcopalian</u> by Chris Yaw from Amazon. It's a lighthearted introduction to our faith. Questions? Contact the pastor at pastor@holycomforterchurch.org.

Blessing of the Animals



On Sunday, September 26 at 10:30 am, we will have our annual Celebration of Creation and Blessing of the Animals. Bring your well behaved pets to church that day—that's right—you can bring your pets to church. Dogs on leashes and cats in carriers. Following the service you can receive individual blessings for your animals.

Church Grounds Clean-up

Volunteers needed to help clean up the church grounds this Saturday, September 18 from 8am to noon.

Spooky to Be Hungry Drive-Thru Food Drive

It's spooky to be hungry! Our next drive-thru food drive is Saturday, October 2. Bring non-perishable food: canned veggies and meats, crackers, cereals, etc. Can't make it? Donate online. Scan the QR code to make a monetary donation.



<u>A Jazz Mass</u>

October 3rd at 10:30am: Join us for a Jazz Mass featuring Wycliffe Gordon, Travis Shaw, Robbie Jarrell, Bill James, Brad Green, and others. The jazz mass will take place during our worship service and feature tunes such as, "His eye is on the Sparrow" and "Just a closer walk with thee". Thanks to Linda Scales for her help in putting this together!

<u>Fall Festival</u>

Fall is approaching! Holy Comforter will host a Fall Festival Saturday, October 23rd. Time TBD. If you are interested in volunteering or assisting contact Mallory Halterman: mallory.halterman@gmail.com.

A Thank You from the Rector

It is so good to be back with you all. Thank you all for your prayers and cards as I go through my cancer treatments. I start chemotherapy tomorrow and will have weekly treatments on Mondays for 12 weeks. - Cynthia Taylor+

Prayers of the People

Persons remain on the list for two weeks; those with chronic needs continue to be prayed for by our Prayer Chain. You may add prayer requests at the lectern in the foyer.

For those in need of healing: Loren and Joy Waldo, Sally Frostholm, Gene Hair, and Lou Scales

For those celebrating birthdays: Linda Bargeron, Charlotte Elam, and Trevor Belair

Thanksgiving for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School, The Claiborne, 143 Ministries, and Kairos Prison Ministry.

For those who are homebound: Donna Garvey and Joan Jackson

For the safety of all those who serve abroad, including Will Liebel.

For all who died in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

Missions and Prayer

Prayer Shawl Ministries: Make them at home or come to Edgar's Bakehouse every Tuesday at 10:30am to make shawls which are given to anyone with a prayer need.

Ministering to the needy of Columbia County. We need toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, detergent, feminine needs, dish wash, soap, and shampoo. Place those items in the kitchen in the marked container. And thanks!

August Financial Report

Actual Revenue as of August 31, 2021	\$211,285.12
Actual Expenses as of August 31, 2021	<u>\$225,575.96</u>
Surplus/Deficit as of August 31, 2021	-\$14,290.84

Serving Today

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