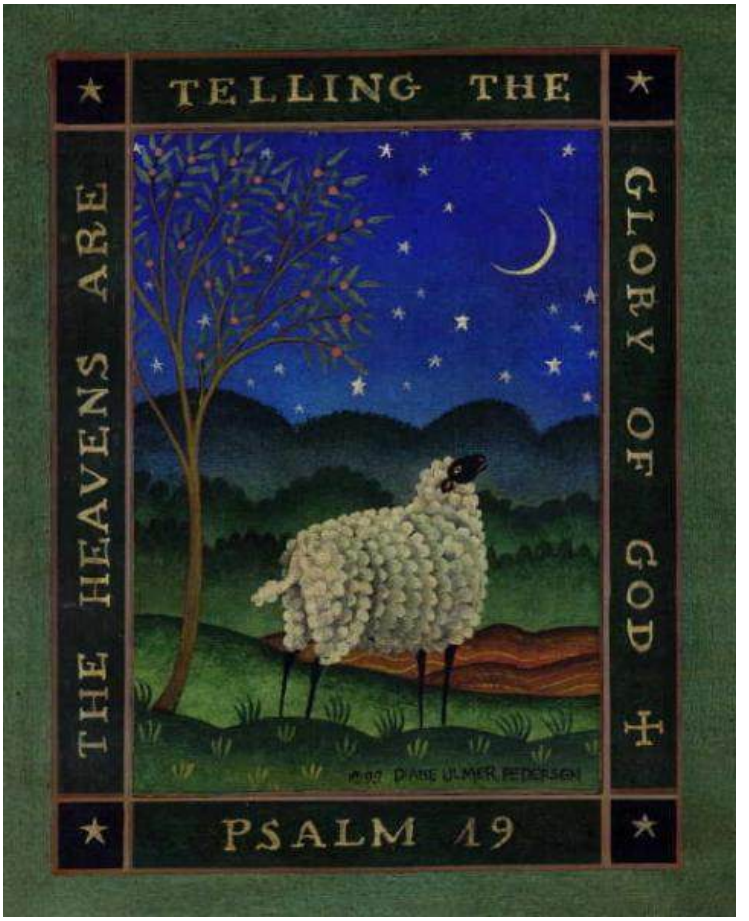
September 15, 2024
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Art: Psalm 19
Artist Diane Ulmer Pedersen

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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need— *Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Andre, Arnold, Barb, Barbara, Bettye, Christine, Danielle, Doreen, Dorothy, Edith, Eleanor, Isobel, Jacqueline, Jeannine, Jim, Jim, Jonathan, Joy, Joyce, Karl, Lenora, Linda, Mark F., Mary, Matthew, Matthew S., Sarah, Shawn, Sheila, Tabby, Timothy, and Vivian.*

Anglican Cycle *– The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

Diocesan Cycle *– The Rev. Dr. James T. Yarsiah*

Christ Church Ministry *– Laundry Love*

Birthdays this week *– Adrienne Agudosi, Ian Aubee, Wendy Benjamin, Veronica Kroon, Julie Lockwood, Emily Pelayo, Violet Thomas, Travis Wardlow, Nicole Warren.*

Memorial Flowers— *are given by Mrs. Curtis McCan in memory of Robert McCan, the Rydel Family in memory of Ernestine & Stephen Cutting.*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact the Rev. Joanna Hollis—732.354.1450 or the Rev. Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Joanna and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

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PRELUDE *Gaelic Air* K. Chapman

The Presider welcomes the congregation, and then says

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

COLLECT OF PURITY

The Presider says

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.***

The Presider continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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when distress and anguish come upon you.
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Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

THE NICENE CREED

ALL **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

Leader Responding, "Hear our Prayer," let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

ALL **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.**

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all 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.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "Take Up Your Cross" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 # 675***

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, page 340*

Presider The Lord be with you.
ALL **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
ALL **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider 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.

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day and then continues.

Presider Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

ALL **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.

The people may stand or kneel as able

Presider 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.

ALL **Amen**

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

ALL **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

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

ALL **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Recipient **Amen.**

Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Recipient **Amen.**

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **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 also are 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.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

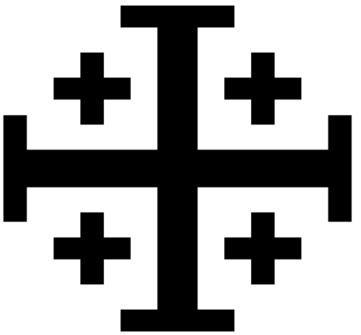
The Presider will give the blessing.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon will give the dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Liturgical Improvisation number 3 G.* Oldroyd



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP *PEW LEAFLET*

PRELUDE *Gaelic Air* K. Chapman

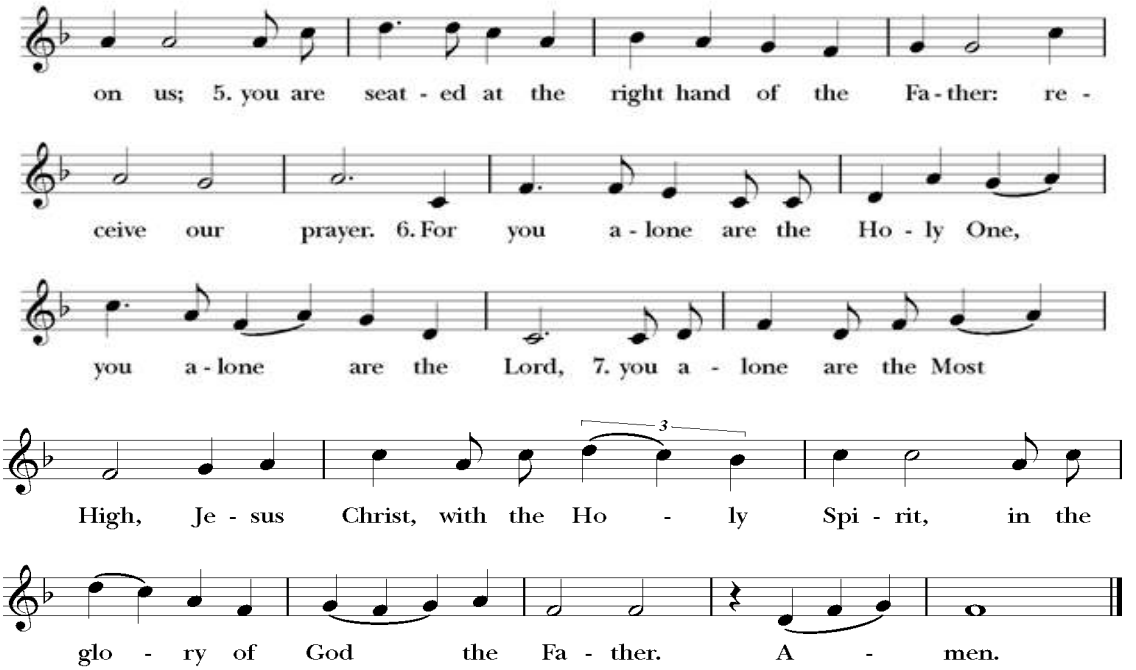
ENTRANCE HYMN "Morning has Broken" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 # 8***

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Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

GLORIA *Robert Powell*





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GRADUAL HYMN "Sing Praise to God the Almighty"

The Blue *Hymnal 1982*, # 408

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THE NICENE CREED

ALL **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

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others, responding, "Hear our prayer."

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church

After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION EOW

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able please kneel or stand. Silence is kept for a space.

ALL **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People and Ministers greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All who are able please stand and sing the following hymn

OFFERTORY HYMN "Take Up Your Cross" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 # 675***

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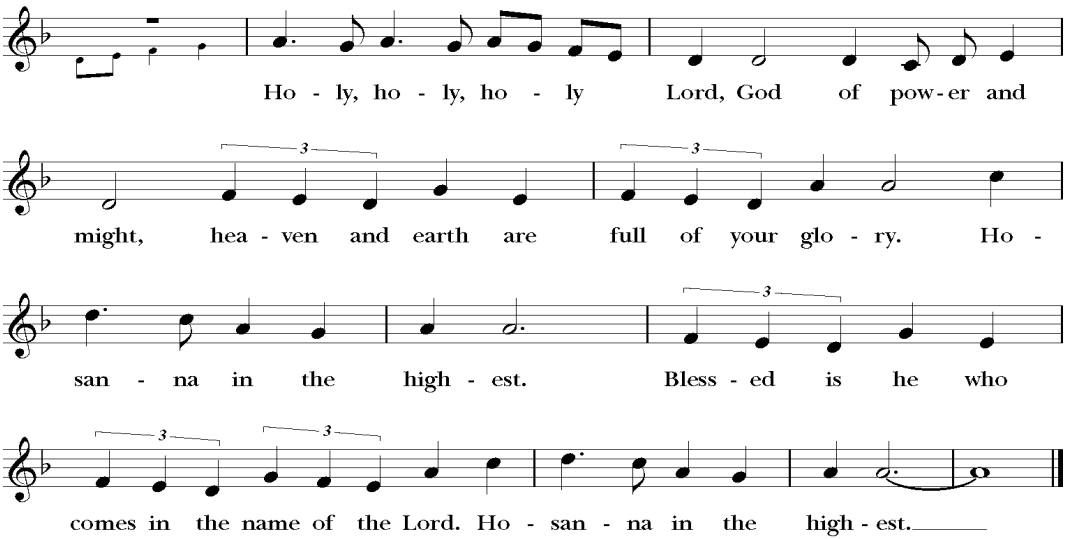
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EOW, *Eucharistic Prayer 1*



Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Robert Powell



Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

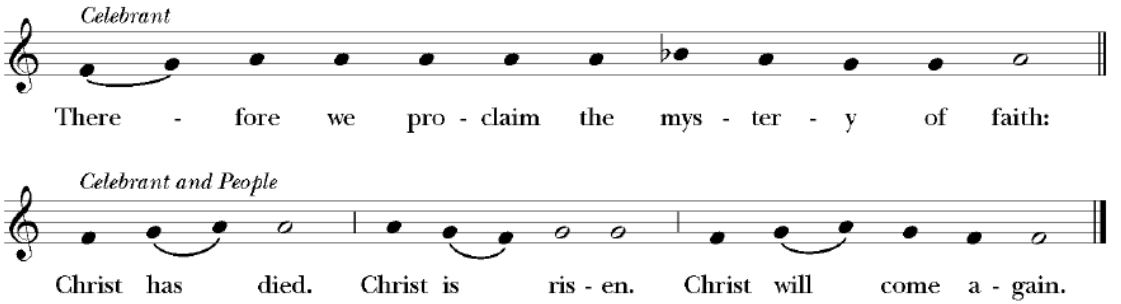
Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

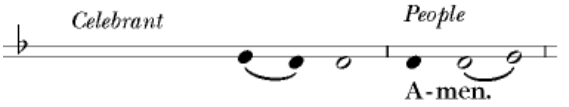
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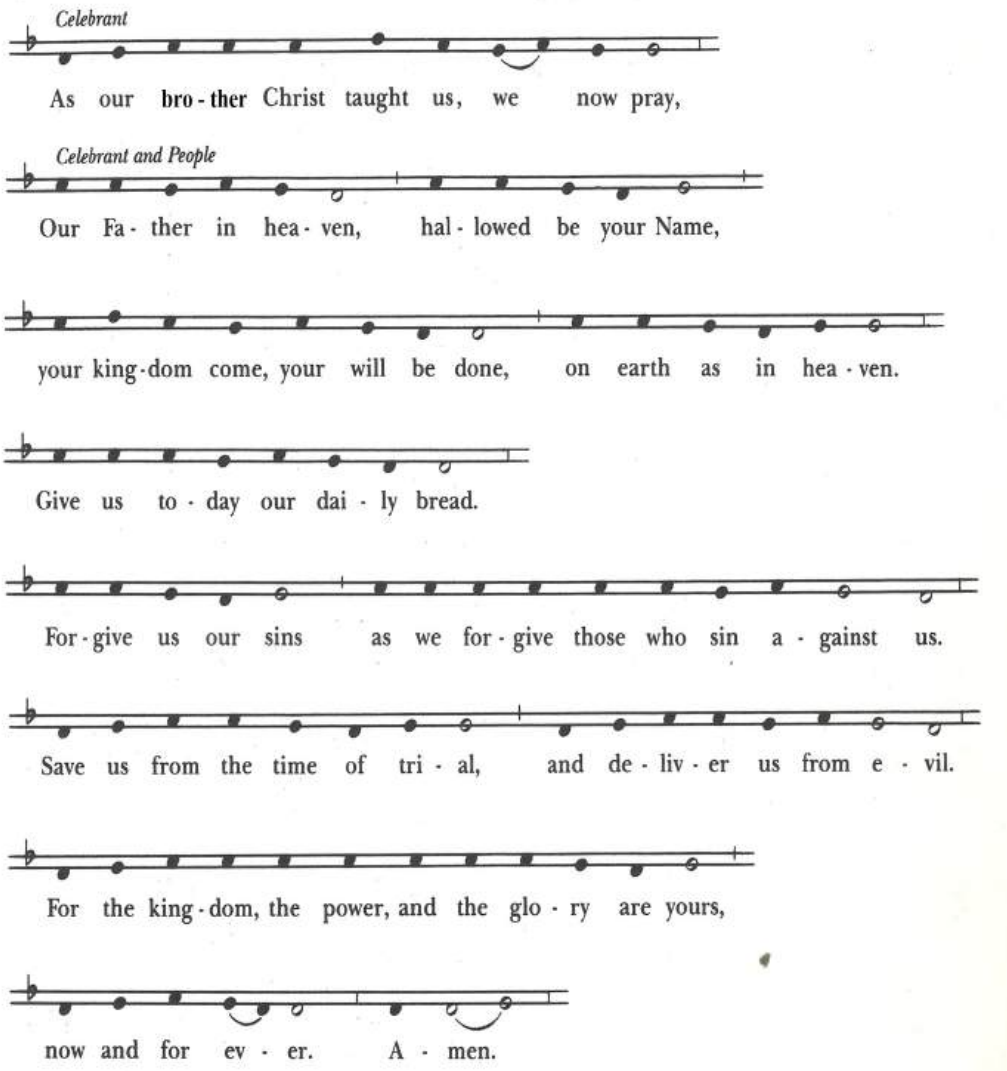
Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise forever and ever.

ALL



ALL *Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens*



BREAKING THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. Then All sing

Gerald R. Near

ALL



INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation.

All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
***Recipient* Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
***Recipient* Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US ONLINE:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me" **Wonder Love and Praise, # 757**





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION EOW

All who are able please stand

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN "The Church is One Foundation" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 525**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *From* Feasting on the Word

The Presider will give the blessing.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon will give the dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Liturgical Improvisation Number 3G.* Oldroyd

PARISH NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 15—21, 2024

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Wednesday—9:00am to 2:30pm
Friday—9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	**8:00 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, **Sanctuary**
	10:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	12:00 p.m.	Packing Party, **Children's Chapel**
Tuesday	**7:00p.m.**	**Tuesdayers, Zoom**
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, **Zoom**
Thursday	7:00p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**
	7:00p.m.	St. Alban's Bible Study, **Zoom**

* JOIN US AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM



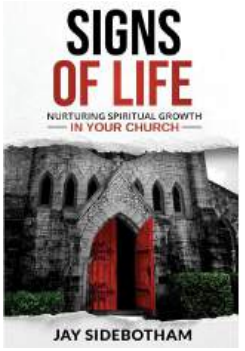
Join members of Christ Church **TODAY** after the 10:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

Supplies will be packed for the Choice Food and Resource Center

We hope to see you there!

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 as well as adult incontinence products in all sizes are in constant demand.

Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "diaper donation" or "Choice Food and Resource Center in the subject line.



The Tuesdayers' Next Topic:

"Signs of Life" and RenewalWorks

"Signs of Life: Nurturing Spiritual Growth in Your Church" by Jay Sidebotham offers a clear-eyed consideration of the challenges facing congregations as well as a celebration of practices that contribute to spiritual vitality in congregations. These best practice principles emerge from a ministry called RenewalWorks, a concerted effort to make spiritual growth a priority in congregations and to build cultures of discipleship within them. The Tuesdayers shall discuss this book as well as complete the workshops of RenewalWorks that draw upon the data from our parish's spiritual inventory survey. We invite you to join the process, which will start this **Tuesday, September 17**. We meet over Zoom on Tuesdays (except the second of the month), 7:00-8:30 pm. For more information contact Jonathan Clark at im4canoes@yahoo.com.

Vestry Key Topics

1. In a wonderful way, the message from The Dwelling in the Word read and discussed during the Vestry meeting this month kept circling back into our discussion, The passage-Mark 8:27-38-where Jesus says to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan. For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

2. Sheila Cooper led a discussion of the Stewardship Campaign which will have some familiar parts and some new ideas. Stay tuned for these events coming up in the next few weeks and culminates on Ingathering Sunday on October 27!

3. The Vestry reviewed the Budget process and discussed at length the Marks of Mission ask.

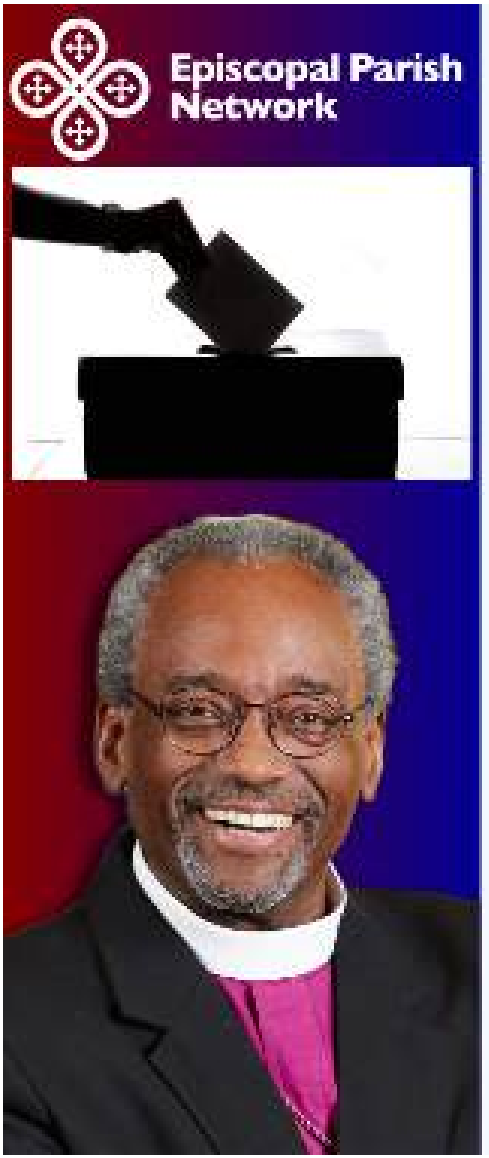
Vote Faithfully: Episcopalians Engaging the U.S. Election

will be on

Thursday, *September 18th* | 1:00pm EDT

Note: This event occurs **earlier than our traditional 3:00pm time.*

Register Today! https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xEe8BIyGTlueaMbbrKUDfg?mc_cid=79671f621a&mc_eid=f825461135#/registration



Vote Faithfully

Episcopalians Engaging the U.S. Election

Wed., Sept. 18 at 1PM EDT

Join **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** and church guests to explore voting through a theological lens, highlighting it as an expression of care for each other and God's creation. Panelists will discuss faith-based civic engagement and the importance of Episcopal churches using their resources to support community voting.

Please contact Rev. Joanna if you are planning to attend.



LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
2 PM - 4 PM
HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SOUTH RIVER, NJ

Would you like to serve Communion at the altar? Bring the Body and Blood to those who can't attend church? You are invited to learn more about how to become a Licensed Lay Minister in the Diocese of New Jersey at our free training workshop! To sign up, please email Canon Susanna Cates at scates@dioceseofnj.org by Wednesday, September 25th.

RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, October 7**. Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, please (a) mail it by **Wednesday, October 2**, or, better, (b) advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time despite possible Post Office delays. Or, if you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, Paul will be able to see it there when I order the monthly batch.

You can avoid writing Paul a check by using their payment options through your checking account of credit card (checking costs a 29 cent charge per order; credit cards charge a percentage that is usually more). And if you want physical cards delivered directly to your home, you can do that through the app, although you will be charged for delivery. If you order for delivery through him, the church covers the delivery charge.

Let's team up to clean up our Weekly Intercessions:
The Sick and Others in Need List!

To keep a name on the Sick and Others in Need list email the church office at admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org.
Any names not received by October 1st will be removed.



Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals St. Francis of Assisi Day

Bring your pet for a special blessing for the year!
We will also be blessing shelter animals.



Saturday, October 12
1:00 p.m.
Rain Date: October 26, 2024

Franklin Animal Shelter
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset NJ

(On the grassy area between the old school house and the shelter building)

Cat or dog food donations are greatly appreciated.

Second Chance For Animals
Since 1998

The Franklin Township Animal Shelter was established more than 30 years ago to handle the animal control and sheltering needs of the municipality. Second Chance for Animals, a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals in shelters, provides volunteers and support to the shelter. Puppies, dogs, kittens, and cats are available for adoption. More information on Second Chance for Animals can be found at http://secondchanceforanimals.org/.

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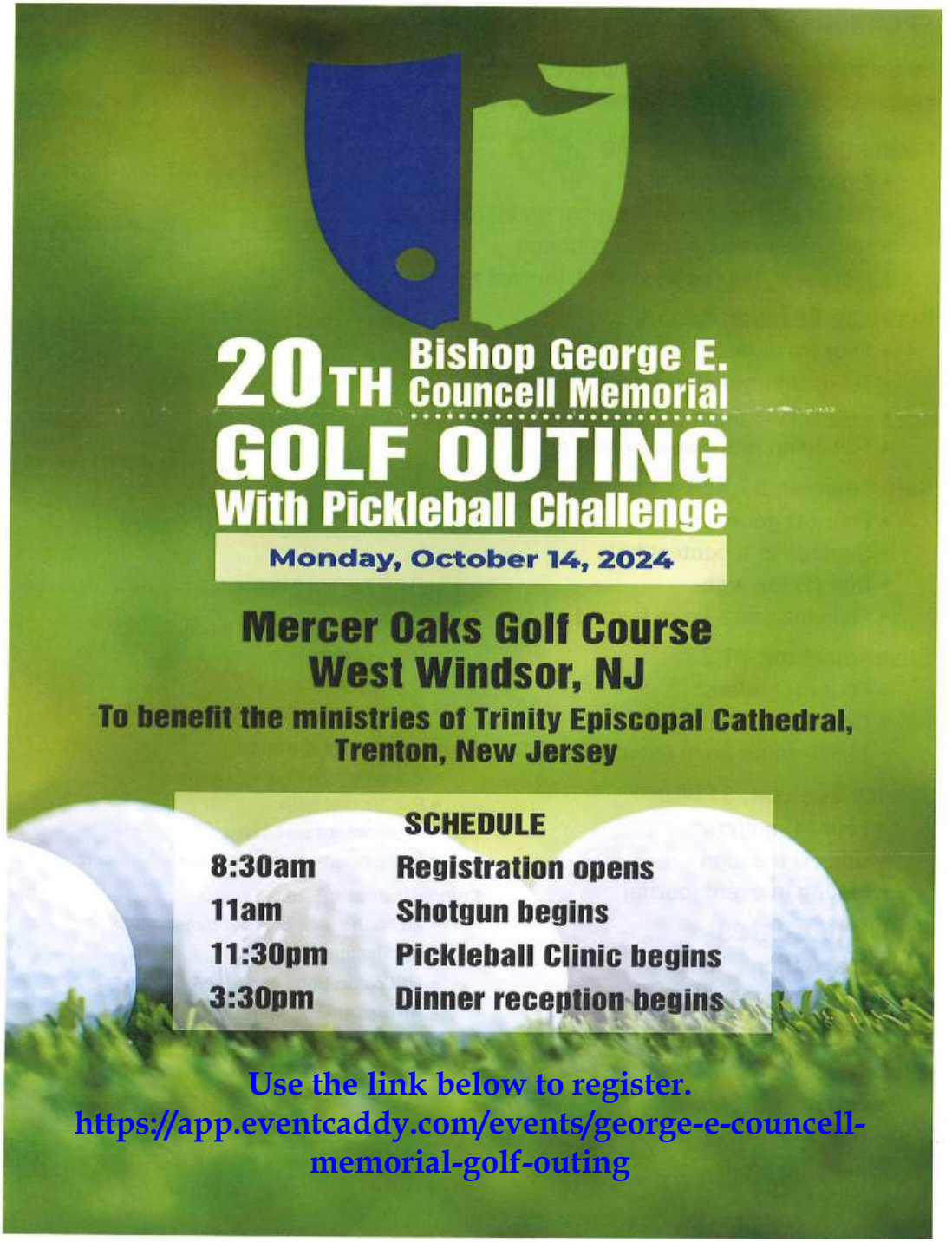


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20TH Bishop George E. Councell Memorial
GOLF OUTING
With Pickleball Challenge
Monday, October 14, 2024
Mercer Oaks Golf Course
West Windsor, NJ
To benefit the ministries of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey
SCHEDULE
8:30am Registration opens
11am Shotgun begins
11:30pm Pickleball Clinic begins
3:30pm Dinner reception begins
Use the link below to register.
https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/george-e-councell-memorial-golf-outing



Choice Food and Resource Center August, 2024

The Choice Food and Resource Center at Unity Square provided appointments to 279 families in August as follows:
279 families
425 children 17 and under
663 adults including
122 seniors
1,088 individuals in all were able to choose foods they preferred
Families and individuals also received
104 sets of diapers
6 sets of adult incontinence products
252 sets of feminine hygiene products.

On-site volunteers from Christ Church in August included Catherine and Paul Ambos, Doug Bonner, and Mark McMahon. In addition, we had a wonderful crew for our August 18 Packing Party at Christ Church which assured that there would be enough diapers and pad sets through mid-September. Next packing party is September 15. Supplies and instructions will be in the Children's Chapel so that both 8 o'clock and 10:30 congregants can help with the project. Feel free to bring additional diapers (sizes 4 - 7 most in need) if you can't stay to help!

In addition to receiving food, diapers, and wipes, guests at the Choice Food and Resource Center had access to the following services by volunteer groups during August. Other than Coming Home, which has outreach workers at Unity Square one day a week, the agencies come once a month, usually on a Tuesday.

APSEAN – American Preventive Screening and Education Association: Health screenings including blood sugar and blood pressure. Resources to help people with blood pressure and diabetes, among other issues. CNFHC – Central Jersey Family Health Consortium--Connecting NJ: Linking pregnant people, parents, an caregivers with young children to free or low-cost family wellness resources Coming Home: Two community outreach workers have office hours one day a week CFBNJ – Central Food Bank of NJ (SNAP): Caseworker available one day a month to assist people in completing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application or to troubleshoot problems with SNAP benefits

Catherine Ambos, Coordinator

Laundry Love, September 2024

On September 9, 31 families and 3 individuals joined us at the Handy Street Laundromat for a chance at clean clothes. Together they washed and dried 332 loads. From April to June the number of families using Laundry Love dropped from 18 to 16. Even considering the number of individuals (5 in April, 4 in May, 1 each in June and August), fewer people were using our services. In July, however, the number began to pick up again, rising to 23 families and 7 individuals in July, 26 families and 1 individual in August, and 31 families and 3 individuals in September. We reduced the amount spent starting in July and were able to use the excess from the earlier months to cover our needs. If the number of guests continues to increase, we will either have to go back to our former amount of $800 a month for washer/dryer expense.

School may have started, but New Brunswick is still experiencing some summer temperatures. Meegan Adames was again able to provide translation for so many of our families. Paul Ambos was on "door duty," directing families to Meegan for Laundry Love/Earth Breeze packets and individuals to Catherine Ambos for assistance in starting their laundry. Renovations continue at the Laundromat. Maybe in October we will have our usual space back. Also, continuing thanks for Mary Lou Taylor who keeps us supplied with the Earth Breeze and dryer sheet packs that make preparing for each session so much easier.

This vital ministry depends on your donations of funds for the washers and dryers as well as your time. Having a dedicated volunteer assist people who are only doing laundry for one person has helped us stretch our funds, since very few of these guests need more than about half the value in the card to do their laundry. If you would like to spend a few hours the second Monday evening a month to help our neighbors we would love to have you join us. Knowledge of Spanish is nice; sincere compassion for our guests is necessary. Contact Catherine Ambos either at msambos@gmail.com or 732-718-2039 for further information.

Our next Laundry Love session is Monday, October, 14, at the Handy Street Laundromat. If you want to volunteer, contact Catherine Ambos (msambos@gmail.com or 732-718-2039) or show up around 5:15 p.m. Last cards are given out by 6:45 p.m.

Catherine Ambos, Coordinator

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Followers of Jesus take up the cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Mark 8:27-38**	**Taking up the cross**
Monday	**Isaiah 50:4-9a**	**God's servant must suffer**
Tuesday	**James 3:1-12**	**Controlling the tongue**
Wednesday	**Acts 17:1-9**	**Uproar in Thessalonica**
Thursday	**Isaiah 53:1-12**	**The suffering servant**
Friday	**Matthew 18:31-34**	**Jesus foretells his death**
Saturday	**Psalm 116:1-9**	**A prayer of thanksgiving**
Sunday	**Mark 9:30-37**	**The servant of all is the greatest**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] 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." **Mark 8:34 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, we thank you for showing us the depth of your love for us and the power of suffering through the cross of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, for the food that refreshes us and the cross that saves us, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the cross of Christ give you peace and hope.

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or tell about a time when you or someone you know suffered rejection.
- How would you describe a follower of Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 8:27-38.

If you listen to certain people or read writings by some who claim to know what it means to follow Jesus, you might think that discipleship is about power, worldly success, wealth, and health. Those who describe discipleship in this way do not come close to knowing Jesus as the Messiah (Christ). In Mark 8 Jesus tells the crowd, *"If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"* (v. 34b). This makes it clear that to know Jesus Christ, is to know the path of rejection, suffering, and death. This reading is a difficult one for those who desire to follow Jesus. As painful as Jesus' description is, taking up the cross results in being freed and not feeling ashamed of Jesus' message, especially when we find ourselves among those who do not accept the power of the cross. This good news, the *"gospel"* (v. 35), frees us to see Jesus as we take up our crosses and leave behind any fear of powers that destroy life, love, and hope.

Discuss: How does faith in Jesus Christ free you from your fears?

Pray: **Dear God, you who lift up the lowly, we thank you for Jesus who experiences the pain of rejection, suffering, and death that we may know the cross as the path to life and love. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help someone who has been rejected by others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

James 3:1-12 emphasizes that what we say can offer words of encouragement or words that destroy others. Verse 9 encourages us to use our tongues to bless others, not hurt them. Write a list of words or phrases that can be used to encourage others. Think or talk about someone you know who needs to hear words of mercy and kindness and plan to reach out to them.

Pray: **Lord God, please help us to use our tongues not to hurt others but to care for others and to thank and praise you. Amen.**

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	September 15	**September 22**
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Deacon	Rev. Daphne Roberts	
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
8:00 a.m.	**8 AM**	**8 AM**
Lector & Intercessor	Mark McMahon	Kevin Stansbury
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Kevin Stansbury	Debra Lowe
Vestry Announcements	Sheila Cooper	Jim Nichols
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth / Sheila Cooper/ Margaret Brown- Stansbury	Mervis Johnson Margaret Brown- Stansbury
10:30 a.m.	**10:30 A.M.**	**10:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Doreen Sirjue	Eleanor Forbes
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Melbourne Garber	Jonathan Gloster
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Gordon Arsenoff	Gordon Arsenoff
Usher		
Production Minister	Steve Caruso/ Jason Kaelber	Steve Caruso/ Jason Kaelber
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper/ Margaret Brown- Stansbury	Mervis Johnson Margaret Brown- Stansbury
Coffee Hour		
Counters		

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