

# THE FALLS CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

September 12, 2021  
9:00 am Contemporary Church

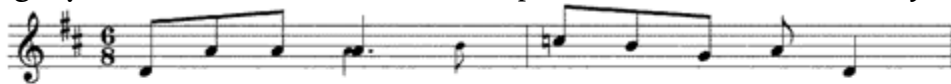
## Prelude

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Hymn Renew 14

Here in this place

*Marty Haugen*



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
We are the old— who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,  
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,  
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;  
 Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;  
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
 Gath - er us in and make us your own;

Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
 Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,

We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
 Tune: GATHER US IN, Irregular; Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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## Opening Acclamation

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

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; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 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 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*Celebrant*      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.**

## The First Lesson (*seated*)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 116:1-8

*Dilexi, quoniam*

**1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

**2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.**

**3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

**4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.**

**5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.**

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.**

**7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

**8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.**

**Sequence Hymn 675**

Take up your cross

*Bourbon*

**The Gospel** (*all standing*)

Mark 8:27-38

*Gospeler*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*        **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.”

*Gospeler*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*              **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski

*A brief period of silence follows the homily. Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.*

## **The Nicene Creed** (*all standing*)

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively while standing.*

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

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

**For our enemies and those who wish us harm, especially those led to acts of terror;  
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:  
Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**

For all who believe in you, Lord Christ, and all whose faith is known to you alone, that they may be delivered from the darkness of fanaticism that arises from poverty and oppression, and from the pride that arises from wealth and comfort, and brought into your light, we pray to you, O Lord:

**Where there is discord, let us sow union.**

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:

**Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**

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, we pray to you, O Lord:

**Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**

For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church, especially in the Diocese of Virginia; 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:

**Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

For all who died in the terror of September 11, 2001, and for those others whom we remember today, especially John and Bob; 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:

**Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**

We pray for the concerns of our parish; especially remembering those who have asked for our prayers this week: John, Bill, Maury, Betsy, Kyra, Robert, and those whose names we remember, either silently or aloud. (*Silence*)

**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.**

*The Celebrant concludes:*

Take heart, in Christ we have been reconciled to God. 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.**

## **Confession of Sin**

(BCP p. 360)

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Celebrant 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.**

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory** Will you let me be your servant *Richard Gillard (b. 1953)*  
Larry Rice, violin

*During the offertory anthem you are invited to make a gift to God's mission at the Falls Church Episcopal through Realm (see QR code), on the website, by Texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.*



#### **Give Now Online!**

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(1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting  
<https://onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/give/now> or (3)  
Texting TFCE at 73256 to give using text messaging.

**Presentation Hymn 705** As those of old their first fruits brought *Forest Green*  
(vs.1)

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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 Hymn S-129**

Holy, holy, holy Lord

*Robert Powell (b. 1932)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.\_\_\_\_\_

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* *This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*

there - fore let us keep the feast.

*All*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations where the clergy will offer you the host (Communion in one kind only) by gently dropping the wafer in your cupped hands while avoiding touching your hands. Please then step aside and consume the host, then quietly return to your seat.*

### Communion Hymn

508

### Communion Hymn

593

Breathe on me, breath of God  
Lord, make us servants of your peace

*Nova Vita*  
*Dickinson College*



## Postcommunion Prayer

(EOW p. 69)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## The Blessing

**Sending Hymn 525**

The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

**Dismissal**

(BCP, p.366)

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Celebrant**

The Rev'd. Burl Salmon  
Rector

**Preacher**

The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski  
Associate Rector

**Violinist**

Larry Rice

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## **The Parish Prayer List**

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### **For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit**

#### *Immediate Needs*

John, Bill, Maury, Betsy, Kyra, Robert

#### *Long Term Prayers*

George, Tom, Michael, Eduardo, Robin, Margaret, Miriam, Claire, Nessa,  
the Ashby family

#### *Family and Friends*

Michael, Rita, Chris, John, Claire

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### **We pray for the repose of the souls of**

John McDonnell

Robert Edward Service



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