

Come As You Are Baptism & Holy Eucharist

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

5:00 PM



Saint Luke's Parish
Darien, Connecticut

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship today. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

About Today's Service

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM services, welcoming new members into the household of faith, Christ's Body, the Church. As always, we do so as part of our weekly celebration of Jesus Christ dying and rising in the midst of God's people.

In the gospel reading today, we hear Jesus' parable of Dives and Lazarus with its warning that failure to respond to the gospel in ministry to others can result in losing our place in his Kingdom. Christian living includes care for the poor, the sick and the helpless, actions fully as holy as worship and prayer.

In a similar vein to the gospel reading, the prophet Amos warns the rich of his own day. Their indolent enjoyment of their own riches, combined with lack of concern for the poor and needy, will lead to their exile from God's land and presence. Amos's prophecy came true when in 722 B.C. the Assyrians destroyed Israel and the wealthy nobles were the first to go into exile.

Again, today, we read from the first epistle of Timothy. This book of practical advice for Christian living urges that the Christian man or woman remain faithful to Christ's commandments. Furthermore, the rich within the Christian community are to practice generosity, lest their riches become a barrier to the new life in Christ, which God has given us.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, we gather as one people regardless of our material or social standing. As disciples we respond to God's love in worship and are sent forth to embody that love of God in concrete acts of care for the poor and helpless.

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Come As You Are Holy Eucharist

Prelude "Give Me Jesus"

Rector's Welcome

"Here For You"

Let our praise be Your welcome
Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You
We are here for You

Let Your breath come from heaven
Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You
We are here for You

Chorus:
To You our hearts are open
Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are Holy
Only You are worthy
God, let Your fire fall down

Let our shout be Your anthem
Your renown fill the skies
We are here for You
We are here for You

Let Your Word move in power
Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You
We are here for You

[Chorus]
We welcome You with praise
We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love
Be welcomed in this place
(x2)

Let every heart adore
Let every soul awake
Almighty God of love
Be welcome in this place

Opening Acclamation & Collect of the Day

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

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

Welcome to visitors and members alike. Our church's motto is: "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" and we hope you find this a most hospitable place to worship, to grow, and to be.

The order for our service is from the **Book of Common Prayer**. The order is called the liturgy, which means "work of the people." It is responsive and participatory because your contribution to worship is what truly makes us a worshiping community.

"Here For You"
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The Lectionary: The choice of readings comes from the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings covering the whole Bible that we share with other major Christian denominations.

The Word of God

The First Lesson | 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

“Enough”

You are my supply
My breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You are my reward
Worth living for
Still more awesome than I know

And all of you
Is more than enough for all of me
For every thirst and every need
You satisfy me with your love
And all I have in You is more than enough

You’re my sacrifice
Of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know
You’re my coming King
You’re my everything
Still more awesome than I know

Bridge:

More than all I want
More than all I need
You are more than enough for me.
More than all I know
More than all I can see
You are more than enough

The Gospel | Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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.'"

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

The Homily

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

"Better Is One Day"

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh, Lord Almighty
For my soul longs, and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is One day in Your courts
Better is One day in Your house
Better is One day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

Better is One day in Your courts
Better is One day in Your house
Better is One day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Than thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells (x2)

My heart and flesh cry out for You the Living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You

There is always a **Gospel** reading and it is proclaimed by the deacon or priest from among the people. The gospel is the story of Jesus Christ among us, but it is also our story, the good news of our faith.

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Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Charles Edward Heitz
John Byrd Shalaby

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

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

When all have been presented, the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

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

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

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

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

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

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

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

Parents and Godparents I do.

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

Parents and Godparents I do.

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

Parents and Godparents I do.

The People stand. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

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

People We will.

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

The Baptismal Covenant

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation,

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

A Person appointed leads the following petitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Celebrant concludes the prayers by saying

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

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

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

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

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

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

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who says,

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

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

N., receive this candle and be as the light of Christ in the world. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, please stand and join in the following prayer.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People

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

The Peace

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

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the Apostles. It is both the proper response to the Word, and our expression of reconciliation with one another before we come to the altar to be reconciled with God.

The Holy Communion

All are welcome to come forward to receive Christ's Real Presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.



Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

-Psalm 96:8

Offertory Song "As The Deer"

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

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:

The Offertory is where we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of Thanksgiving, which is what Eucharist means.

For Episcopalians, the Eucharist, rather than the sermon, is the principle act of Christian worship. The Eucharistic prayer always entails a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by all.

Grayson Warren Brown

The people remain standing as 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:

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

The Table is ready. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

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in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind
(only the consecrated Bread) due to COVID precautions. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request
one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion,
please cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Song "All the Poor and Powerless"

Postcommunion 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

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It is a form on which we can model our prayers.

The Eucharist, or Communion, is reminiscent of the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his death. Now he shares it with us and invites all of us to share symbolically in his life, death, and resurrection, through it. It should remind us that we are Christ's body in our time.

The Postcommunion Prayer concludes the Eucharist. In it we always say "thank you" to God for the gift of Christ, the Spirit, and the community of the Church.

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“Nothing Without You”

Take these hands and lift them up
For I have not the strength to praise You near enough
For I have nothing, I have nothing without You

Take my voice and pour it out
Let it sing the songs of mercy I have found
For I have nothing, I have nothing without You

Chorus:

All my soul needs
Is all Your love to cover me
So all the world will see
That I have nothing without You

Take my body and build it up
May it be broken as an offering of love
For I have nothing, I have nothing without You

Chorus 2:

All my soul needs
Is all Your love to cover me
So all the world will see
That I have nothing, but I love You

Bridge:

With all my heart
With all my soul
With all my mind
With all the strength that I can find

[Chorus]

Take my time here on this earth
And let it glorify all that You are worth
For I am nothing, I am nothing without You

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant &**Preacher****Assisting**

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

Paul J. Keene

Lay Reader

Elizabeth Yaney

Intercessor

Charlotte Ward

Altar Guild

Laura Wilcock

Musicians

Tod Baharian, Guitar, Vocals

Bob Leinbach, Keyboards, Vocals

Adrienne Reedy, Vocals

Tod Hedrick, Bass

Tom Barracco, Percussion

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Our Vision

A world transformed by the love of Jesus Christ for all people.

Our Mission

Living together as disciples of Christ, we seek to:

Grow personally in faith,
acknowledging our imperfection and need of grace;

Build an accepting & transforming community,
extending God's unconditional welcome to all;

Work alongside our neighbors,
forming partnerships to serve the world.

Let it begin with me.

Our Invitation

Grow in love of God.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Serve the world in Christ's name.

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