

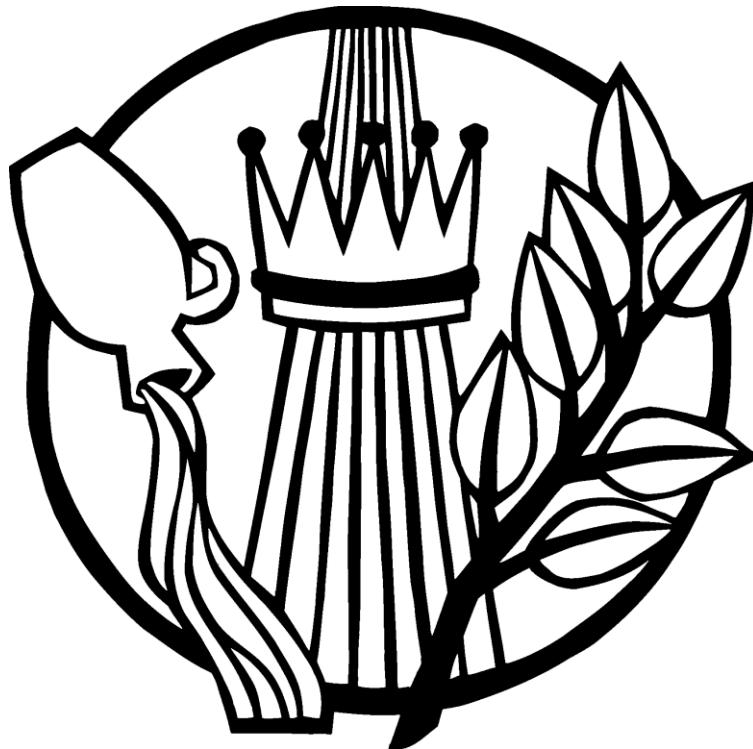


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**Proper 19**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, September 12, 2021  
10:30 AM

# Entrance Rite

## PRELUDE

*The Church's One Foundation*

Robert Hobby

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## ENTRANCE HYMN

*The Church's one foundation*

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1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long-ing eyes are blessed,  
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

## OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

*The following is said, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
    have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
    receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
    Jesus Christ,  
    with the Holy Spirit,  
    in the glory of God the Father. 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.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

## **PSALM: Psalm 116:1-8**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>I love you, O GOD, because you have heard the voice of my supplication, \*

because you have inclined your ear to me whenever I called upon you.

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

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon your holy Name: \*  
“O GOD, I pray you, save my life.”

<sup>4</sup>Gracious are you and righteous; \*  
you are full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>You watch over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and you helped me.

<sup>6</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. \*  
for GOD has treated you well.

<sup>7</sup>For you O GOD have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

<sup>8</sup>I will walk in the presence of GOD \*  
in the land of the living.

## **SECOND READING:**

*The people sit.*

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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*God of saints, to whom the number H 280**All stand.*

1 God of saints, to whom the num - ber of the star - ry  
 2 In the roll of your a - pos - tles stands the name Bar -  
 3 All his faith and prayer and pa - tience, all his toil - ing  
 4 There are named the bless - ed faith - ful of the new Je -

host is known: man - y saints by earth for -  
 thol - o - mew, for this faith - ful saint we  
 and his strife, all are veiled from us, but  
 ru - sa - lem. When Christ comes a - gain in

got - ten live for ev - er round your throne.  
 of - fer, year by year, our thanks to you.  
 writ - ten in the Lamb's book of them.  
 glo - ry, num - ber us, great we pray, with life.

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## GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

*All stand.*

*Deacon*      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.”

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

## THE SERMON

Reverend Benedict Varnum

## **THE CREED**

*All stand.*

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**

*All remain standing.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray especially for: Elaine, John & Recia, Jim, Nancy, Pat, Hayden, Amy, JoEy, Sadie, Joey, Evelyn, Bob, Michelle, Jean, Pat & Gerry, Ryan, Curt & Carla, Cyndy, Carol, Matt, Dave, Carol, and Massouda & her family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**CONFESSiON OF SIN**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### *Minister and People*

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.

### *The Priest stands and says*

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

### **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

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

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

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** Steven Cudly and Hondo Gallegos

**Anniversaries:** Astrid & Jim Keepers and JoEy & Jerry Vernon

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## OFFERTORY HYMN    “*Wondrous Love*” *Improvisations*

Sally Hodges, organ & Ricardo Amador, violin

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## The Great Thanksgiving

### SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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

*Holy, holy, holy*

S 130

*Celebrant and People*

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

A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G minor, 4/4 time. The music consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics.

**Soprano Part:**

- Staff 1: san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
- Staff 2: in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
- Staff 3: in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
- Staff 4: in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Bass Part:**

- Staff 1: (Accompaniment)
- Staff 2: (Accompaniment)
- Staff 3: (Accompaniment)
- Staff 4: (Accompaniment)

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the

Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

## EPICLESIS

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 LORD'S PRAYER**

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

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

### **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

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

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
[Amen.]

## COMMUNION HYMN *Will you come and follow me* WLP 757

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key signature of four flats. The top staff shows the melody line, which begins with a rest followed by a dotted half note. The second staff shows the bass line. The third staff shows the harmonic progression. The fourth staff shows the soprano line. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

1. Will you come and fol - low me if  
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if  
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if  
5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and  
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you  
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your  
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do  
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -  
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in  
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in  
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in  
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4.                                   5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?  
you and you in me?  
you and you in me?  
you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

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## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Glorious things of thee are spoken* H 522

*Descant*

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -  
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -  
of our God; he whose word can - not be  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.  
 bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver  
 on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night, and  
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his  
 sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - usage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.  
 round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

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## **Pastoral word from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on 20th anniversary of Sept. 11**

As followers of Jesus, and with our siblings in other faith traditions, we place great value on the act of remembrance. As we reflect on the solemn anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember many loved ones lost and first responders who put their lives at risk, modeling the sacrificial love of Jesus, who said: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

While 20 years have passed, I also want us to pause and remember the days that followed these tragic events. There was a moment in the aftermath when people came together. We were praying, grieving, and also working together. Because in that moment, however fleeting it was, we knew with immediacy and vulnerability that we need God, and we need each other.

Memories of that tender cooperation—of love for each other as neighbors—serve as guiding lights for the present. Amidst the ongoing pandemic and natural disasters that have taken so many lives and pushed first responders to their limits, and amidst a worldwide reckoning with the sin of racism, we are called to become the Beloved Community whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love.

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*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will deliver a blessing and sermon Sept. 11 and 12 as part of [A Time and Space of Remembrance and Healing](#) at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York, which served as a [relief mission](#) for recovery workers at Ground Zero for nearly a year after the buildings fell. Tune in online at [trinitywallstreet.org/september-11](http://trinitywallstreet.org/september-11).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Masking Rule**

Because so many of the members of our church are under 12 years old and cannot yet get a vaccine, we will temporarily require masks at some church events, including Sunday worship. We are hopeful that this present surge will be brief, or that the vaccines for younger children that are currently in development will be approved soon and assist in shutting down this new surge of the delta variant. It is incredibly important to create as safe a place as possible for families to build up a church habit again after the disruptions of the past year.

Key points:

- To protect kids at church, Masks will be required, even for vaccinated persons, at Sunday worship and Sunday school.
- Masks will be optional for vaccinated people at Coffee Hour (please wear a mask until you get to the tables), and children will be able to take a Coffee Hour treat to the Sunday School classrooms to eat, with masks required while not eating
- Adult ministries will be able to make a decision as a group whether they wish to wear masks or use the rule that vaccinated people can choose whether to wear one or not
- We will be steadily watching the virus rates and other major factors, especially children vaccine development and rollout, so as to review this regularly

Please keep our communities, our healthcare providers, and our church in your prayers as we continue to fight this virus.

### **Coffee Hour**

We have returned to holding our regular coffee hour at St A's! We'll have coffee hour after each of our services as a chance for fellowship at church. As a reminder, we'll be asking people to wear masks while in our halls on Sunday to help protect children under 12 who cannot yet be vaccinated, so please wait until you get to the tables to remove your mask. Otherwise, we're looking forward to seeing each other again for fellowship!

## **Online Coffee Fellowship**

Join members of the St. A's family on Zoom **Today at 11:30 am (following this service)** for an interactive online social hour.

## **Back to “Normal”**

Our building is complete and staff are back in the office! Beginning immediately, office hours are **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday – Thursday.**

If you have announcements or other additions to our weekly email newsletter or the bulletins distributed on Sundays, please submit them by **1 PM (close of business) on the MONDAY** of the week you want it to run along with a note detailing how many weeks it should be included. Anything received after Monday are not guaranteed to run that week.

## **Giving Opportunities For Our World**

In September, our First Sunday Offering (the second basket that we send around on First Sundays of the month) goes to Episcopal Relief and Development, which does work throughout the United States and the world in the face of need, disaster, and opportunities for development. This year, we are aware that people may wish to designate gifts to some of the specific crises in the world, and so the following links are provided if you wish to support something specific more directly:

- The Haiti Earthquake via Episcopal Relief and Development  
[https://support.episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief?utm\\_campaign=fy21haitiearthquake](https://support.episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief?utm_campaign=fy21haitiearthquake)
- Hurricane Relief via Episcopal Relief and Development  
<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>
- Afghani Allies and Refugees via Episcopal Migration Ministries. To contribute financially to provide for housing, medical and financial support, and expanded community sponsorship to serve our Afghan allies, visit [bit.ly/supportafghanallies](http://bit.ly/supportafghanallies) to make a secure donation online, or text “EMMALLIES” to 41444.
- For opportunities to volunteer, provide housing, or sponsor, visit  
<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/volunteer-community-interest-form/>

## **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Barker visits St A's**

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am coffee and cake fellowship time
- 10:30 am Worship Service

With our current two-service schedule and expanded space for fellowship, we are encouraging everyone to plan to attend the **9:30 am** fellowship time on **September 19<sup>th</sup>**.

If you would like to assist with setup and cleanup for these two Sundays, please send an e-mail to both Kathy Pospichal ([kpospichal@gmail.com](mailto:kpospichal@gmail.com)) and Anja Armitage ([anja.elizabeth.armitage82@gmail.com](mailto:anja.elizabeth.armitage82@gmail.com)). Thank you!

## **Observance of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11, 2001**

Trinity Church Wall Street invites all who are seeking solace around the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks to join us, online or in person, for worship services, events, and activities, including [A Time and Space for Remembrance and Healing](#), a vigil at St. Paul's Chapel in Lower Manhattan from Friday evening, Sep. 10, to Sunday evening, Sep. 12. In 2001, [St. Paul's Chapel](#), part of Trinity Church Wall Street, served as a relief mission for recovery workers at Ground Zero for nearly a year after the buildings fell.

Our worship services and other offerings onsite and online will offer time and space to pray, reflect, mourn, or simply sit with your memories. On **Sunday, Sep. 12, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** will preach at our live-streamed 11:15am (EDT) Holy Eucharist at Trinity Church. And, at 8pm (EDT) on Sunday, we will host a live-streamed Compline by Candlelight service at Trinity Church. Visit [trinitywallstreet.org/911](http://trinitywallstreet.org/911) to learn more about the full weekend and save the date, and for opportunities to watch videos, read content from our archives, or submit your own remembrances as audio files.

## **Youth Group Kick Off**

All youth heading into 6th-12th Grade are welcome to join us, and bring a friend or two if they would like. We meet **every Wednesday from 6-8 PM**.

We plan on adding "Sunday School" back into the schedule for our Youth Group aged children. It will be **every Sunday from 9:40-10:20am**. They will

be working on Confirmation Prep, as well as other great lessons that would have normally taken place Wednesday evenings previously. With this change, we will plan on having more outreach and fun nights when we meet on Wednesday evenings! We will have them help us with face painting at Sunday School Kick off on September 12th. Sunday Bible Study will begin September 19th.

**Wednesday Evening kick off will be Wednesday, September 15th**, for a Pizza, Pool and Games night at the Armitage family's home. For the address please text 402-681-7834 or email Kate([ministries@sainta.net](mailto:ministries@sainta.net))

If you are interested in helping with Youth Aged Sunday School as an assistant or lead teacher, or would like to help by providing meals(for 15-20) or assisting with Youth Group on Wednesday evenings, please contact Kate.

### **Acolyte Training for Fall 2021!**

Serving as an acolyte (a word that means “Helper”) is often one of the first ministries children can assist with at church, and can be a special way of participating for them, and a sign for our whole community that God calls each of us to be a part of the holiness of worship and the great family of the church. Fr Ben and other leaders will be reminding current acolytes and training new ones in how to serve as torchbearer and crucifer (cross-carrier) roles. At present, we are asking that acolytes be in at least **3<sup>rd</sup> grade** to serve as torchbearer and at least **6<sup>th</sup> grade** to serve as crucifer.

Please contact Fr Ben ([rector@sainta.net](mailto:rector@sainta.net)) and Pam Wright ([wrightpamelaj@gmail.com](mailto:wrightpamelaj@gmail.com)) if you have a youth interested in serving in this ministry! Parents are welcome to stay and learn too, so you can help remind your acolyte of the details.

As a reminder, all of our clergy, staff, and adult volunteers who work regularly with youth and children are required to have the Safeguarding God’s People training, which includes having multiple adult leaders present at our events with young people.

## Trainings:

- **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – noon: New Acolytes**
  - This training will be an opportunity for newer members or children who have had a chance to see acolytes at the service jump in and begin participating as well
- **“Rain Date” Training**
  - Youth who cannot make the scheduled dates may coordinate a time for training with Fr Ben, with parents present.

## Nursery Now Open!

We will be reopening our nursery on kick off **Sunday, September 12!** Nursery hours will be Sundays from **9:30 AM – 11:30AM** If you are interested in assisting in the nursery, please contact Kate,

## **Education for Ministry (EfM) begins September 21st**

Have you ever wondered: "What do I find TRUE with regard to my beliefs?" A primary goal of EfM is to help one personally discern the answer to that question in a community of like-minded searchers. EfM is an opportunity for one to broaden and deepen their understanding of God and His call to them in a safe, small group setting. If you are interested in participating in EfM, please contact Jack Ott: ([jo42950@gmail.com](mailto:jo42950@gmail.com) or 402-469-1801) or Bill Smith: (wmwsmith@hotmail.com or 402-681-6782)

## **Save the Date: Walking the Mourner’s Path**

**Sundays, 3:00-4:30 pm, September 19 to November 14** In September, we'll begin a new set of Walking the Mourner's Path workshops. This is an 8-week small group for those who are remembering a loved one. Through prayer, conversation, and sharing stories, group members have a chance to talk together about someone they've lost and are remembering. The 8-week group uses a workbook, so participants never have to “come up with what to talk about,” and the group members are the same through the 8 weeks, so it's a chance to really get to know, and support, all the other members as well. This program is used throughout the Episcopal Church and uses prayer, readings, and conversation to help with care and healing. Our trained facilitators include Fr Ben, Mother Ruth Tomlinson, Rebecca Smith, and Don Hoes. If you would like to participate, or would like to suggest someone that a facilitator might reach out to about participating, please contact one of our

facilitators.

(The groups will meet for 8 weeks, skipping Halloween weekend)

### **Nebraska Episcopal Diocese Youth Group Event:**

The Omaha area Episcopal Youth are invited to Vala's Pumpkin Patch on **Saturday, September 25** from 10:45 AM-3:45 PM. This event will have safeguarded chaperones for youth in 5th-12th Grade, but families with younger children are welcome to join us with guardians present. The event will include a bonfire, hotdogs, chips, a drink, and s'mores, cost is \$20/person. As always, if cost is a reason not to join, let Kate or Fr. Ben ([rector@santa.net](mailto:rector@santa.net)) know, and the church can help with cost of admission! Please RSVP to Kate ([ministries@santa.net](mailto:ministries@santa.net)) by **Saturday, September 18**.

### **Save the Date: Brewsky's Open 2021**

Registration is now open for the Brewsky's Open Golf Scramble 2021! This is a four-person scramble format with a shotgun start at **11 AM on Thursday, September 30, 2021**. This year's event will be held at **Crooked Creek Golf Course in Lincoln** and the \$90 registration fee include golf, cart, prizes, and dinner. Reserve your spot by **September 24!**

## **Opportunities to Serve**

As we enter a new programming year in our new building, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to become more involved with St. Augustine's. Below are just a few of the volunteer opportunities available. We welcome your participation and always appreciate your help!

### **Coffee Hour Crew!**

Now that we are back and meeting for Coffee Hour, we need a crew to help serve coffee, put everything away, run the dishwasher and take out the trash at the end of the day. There will be a sign up next to the cappuccino machine to choose your date to help. Thank You!

### **Lectors Needed**

We are filling lector schedules for the fall for our 8:30 and 10:30 AM services. Our lectors come to the altar to read our First Reading, Psalm and Second Reading. The readings are emailed to you, typically by Thursday to have a few days to practice at home. Please contact

Kate([ministries@sainta.net](mailto:ministries@sainta.net)) if you would like to be added to the 8:30 AM Schedule. If you would like to be added to the 10:30 schedule, please add your name to the sign up genius via this link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48abaf22a7f9c43-1030>) or sign up on the paper schedule located on the narthex table.

### **Seeking Volunteers to Provide Dinners for Youth Group**

Youth group will be kicking off soon! As we get ready to begin Youth Group in person, we are looking to start offering dinner again. Kate will be checking in with people who have volunteered before to see if they would like to continue providing meals. If we have the same number of volunteers, you would provide 2-3 times per school year(September-May) on Wednesday evenings. Meals will usually serve 15-20 people, dinner time is at 6:00 pm, you are welcome to stay and eat, as well join in on Youth Group, or drop and dash! If you would enjoy providing a meal, or a monetary donation to purchase a meal from you for Youth Group, please Contact Kate([ministries@sainta.net](mailto:ministries@sainta.net))

## **Nursery Volunteers Needed!**

We are looking for volunteers to serve in the nursery with our staff member beginning on September 12. Volunteer time will be a little bit longer than it had been in the past to allow the nursery to be available for Sunday School teachers and assistants. We will be offering nursery from 9:30-11:30am. Typically volunteers are scheduled about once per month. Kate([ministries@sainta.net](mailto:ministries@sainta.net)) will be following up with past volunteers to ensure they would like to be added back to the schedule, and is happy to welcome new volunteers as well. If you are interested, please contact her!

## **Vestry Notes for August:**

Our Vestry (the parish board) met on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Here are some highlights – full meeting minutes are always available from Fr Ben or the Vestry clerk, Hondo Gallegos.

- The Vestry reviewed our construction and Certificate of Occupancy – we can now occupy our spaces! We noted that our final payments to MCL and RDG will be expected in the next 8-10 weeks, which our parish finance committee has been tracking.
- Please congratulate **Jim Keepers** on being (officially) named our **Garden Steward!** The Vestry has created this position to oversee the gardens, essentially delegating the authority to set workdays, recruit volunteers, spend the garden budget, and apply for grants on behalf of the parish for our garden. Jim has had incredible leadership and does a great job keeping the garden's needs in sight so we can all be better stewards of the beautiful space at our church.
- We have elected **Sandra Squires** as a delegate and **Barb Hall** as an alternate for our parish delegation to the diocesan Annual Council.
- Fr Ben has decided on a new temporary mask rule to help protect children under 12 returning to worship and Sunday School, with details covered elsewhere in announcements
- We are planning to have our parish celebration for the new space on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, and a visit from Bishop Barker the following weekend on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

## **Save the Dates for Summer/Fall Fun**

**Wednesday, Sep 15<sup>th</sup>** -- Youth Group Kick Off Party!

**Sunday, Sep 19<sup>th</sup>** – Bishop Barker visits St A’s

**Thursday, Sep 30<sup>th</sup>** – Brewsky’s Open Golf Tournament fundraiser

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** – Parish Ministry Fair

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Stewardship Season celebration

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Boo Bash Halloween Party

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Chili Cook-off Evening Event

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** -- New Acolyte Training

<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 09/12/2021</b>	<b>Next Week, 09/19/2021</b>
Musicians 8:30am:	Don Hoes, Ruth Tomlinson, Ali Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld, Rhonda Vest, Erin Rhian	Don Hoes, Ruth Tomlinson, Ali Threlkeld, Joe Threlkeld, Rhonda Vest, Erin Rhian
Musicians 10:30am:	Jeff Hoffman, Sally Hodges, Ricardo Amador	Jeff Hoffman
Celebrant:	Rev. Benedict Varnum	Rt. Rev. Scott Barker
Deacon:	David Holmquist	David Holmquist
Liturgical Shepherd:	Erin Rhian	Pam Wright
Chalice:	N/A	N/A
Acolytes 8:30am:	N/A	N/A
Acolytes 10:30am:	N/A	N/A
10:30 am Greeter:	N/A	N/A
8:30 am Lector:	Erin Rhian	Mary Jane Smith
10:30 am Lector:	Carole Seitz	OPEN
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Angie Gallegos	Angie Gallegos
Altar Guild 10:30 am:	Angie Gallegos	Angie Gallegos
Sunday School	<i>On Summer Break</i>	<b>9:40 – 10:20 AM</b>
Coffee Hour	OPEN	OPEN