

The Epistle Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c said, the People remain seated

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

Hallelujah!

Sequence Hymn God is Love, let heaven adore him Hymnal 379

The Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

Deacon: The Holy Gospel.... All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “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 will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.” Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev’d Fr. Matthew Ainsley

The Nicene Creed Standing, said by all BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form III

Deacon or other leader

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Jake, our bishop; for Matt and Jake, our priests; for Honey, our deacon; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.

The Peace said

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem Blessing Laura Story
Lanie Smith, soloist

The Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology vs.3 Hymnal 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Altar, 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.

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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer A.

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

...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,

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.

At the Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless* Hymnal 343
 O love, how deep, how broad, how high Hymnal 448

Postcommunion Prayer *Said by all* BCP 366

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

Final Blessing

Dismissal Hymn *Take up your cross, the Savior said* Hymnal 675

Dismissal *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God

Bishop
The Right Reverend Jacob W. Owensby, Ph.D.
Rector
The Reverend Father Matthew Ainsley
Chaplain and Associate for Youth
The Reverend Jacob Schlossberg
Deacon
The Reverend Honey Becker

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Alison Higginbotham, Arthur White, Sterling Lejeune, Betsy Vigorito, Becky Slagle, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Janet Bernhardt, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Peezie Alfred, Wendy Ortego, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Troy LeBouef, Ashlynn Broussard, Rick Onks, Lynette Newchurch, Neil Joseph, Rachelle Morgan, Ed Keller, William Keller, Gili Menashe Robinson, Donny, Elliot, Emily Chapin, Kelly, Carol Hamilton Hunt, Brenda Privat, James, Evie, and Malaina, Margaret DeGruy, Mark Weems, Lara McKinnis, Kit Gumbs, Carolyn Barker, Pat Vallery, Amber, Pauline, Donald Leger, Jr., Charles Lewis, Mike Comeaux, Carol Jane, Renee, Marc, Carolyn, Virginia Morrison, Graison Louviere, Landon Romero, Kate Graciana, Kathleen David, Mac Camille, Ann Shower, Steve Baker, Pete Peters, Luke Heggy, Remi and Joseph, Melissa Keane, Guy Ellison, Jr., Archie Ganucheau, David Mills, Susan Davis, Nick Domino, Charles Swett, John Perkins, Mona Fitzgerald Stephan, Sasha, Rita Driggers, Mike Immel, Phil Swift, Tom Bryant, Mona Coulter, Anna Catherine, Marc Powell, The Family of Steven Miller, Dumas, Brooke Bercier, Joan Broussard, Rita Winski, Pam and Michael, Mike, and friends and family serving in the armed services. Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Widows of Clergy, St. Paul’s Catholic Church, and The Church in the Province of the West Indies. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MomCo meets **select Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Owen Room (childcare provided) and **select Fridays at 8:00 a.m.** in the Robson Room.
Come connect with other moms, grow in faith, and remember you don’t have to do this alone. To learn more about Ascension Momco, **please visit:** canvas.link/ascensionmomco

Flower Ministry: We are once again collecting small vases for flower deliveries. If you have any you would like to donate, please drop off at the church office or bring on Sunday mornings. Many thanks.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Gospel of John - BEGINNING
Sunday, September 13, 10:00 to 10:45 am in the Owen Room
Teachers: Fr Matt Ainsley, Laurie Godshall, John Griffin, Elizabeth Hesterly

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: Genesis - BEGINNING
Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the Owen Room
Teachers: Fr Matt Ainsley, Doug Driggers, Laurie Godshall, Elizabeth Hesterly, Sarah McNamara

Children's Church: Children's Church will return **September 13.**

NEW WORSHIP TIME-Worship at The Vincent, a senior living community, is held in The Vincent Chapel **every Friday at 10:00AM**, led by The Rev. Honey Becker. Please contact Deacon Becker with any questions. Our worship includes music, prayer, and Communion.

Lector: Susan Davis **Greeter:** Lida Lambert **Ushers:** Jeff Straub and Mark Gremillion
Acolytes: Austin Adams, Parker Roberts, Gabe Sicard and Clara Sicard
Music: Stacy Shumaker, Minister of Music and John Moore, Organist
Church Office Hours: Monday -Friday: 9:00am –2:30pm

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026
11:00 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn *All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!* Hymnal 450

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

The Gloria *Glory to God* *sung* Hymnal S-280
The “S” indicates Service Music found in the front section of the Hymnal

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 *the People remain standing*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*