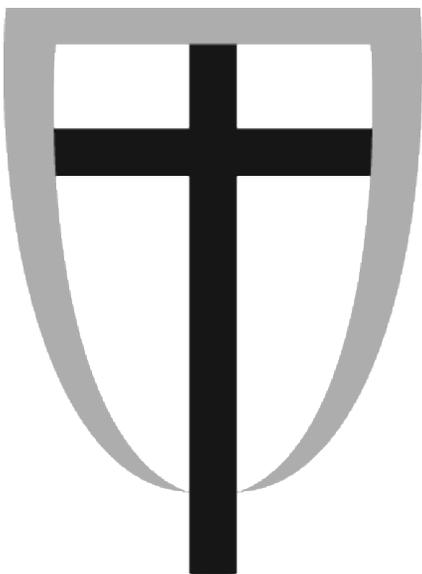


# HOLY EUCHARIST

## RITE II

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 21



Sunday, September 25, 2022  
5:00 p.m.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BATON ROUGE, LA

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Thank you for worshipping with us, today. This order of service for our liturgy — meaning “work of the people” — is meant to help you participate as fully as you desire. As one is able, we sit to listen to the scripture and the sermon, and we stand to sing, recite the Nicene Creed or Baptismal Covenant, and hear the Gospel proclaimed. When it comes to prayer, both standing and kneeling are ancient and accepted practices, so please feel free to stand or kneel during our prayers, as you are able. Before we begin, it is our custom to observe quiet for prayer and meditation. Please silence any electronic devices. Congregational responses are printed in boldface type.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

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

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.**

### Kyrie Eleison

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.  
*People* **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The people are seated for the lessons.*

### The First Reading *Amos 6:1a, 4-7*

*Lector* A Reading from the Prophet Amos.

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.

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

## The Psalm *Psalm 146*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*

**for there is no help in them.**

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

**who keeps his promise for ever;**

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*

**and food to those who hunger.**

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*

**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

8 The LORD loves the righteous;

the LORD cares for the stranger; \*

**he sustains the orphan and widow,**

**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**

**Hallelujah!**

## The Second Reading *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

*Lector* A Reading from the first Epistle to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Gospel** *Luke 16:19-31*

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **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.'"

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*The Rev. Christopher R. Duncan*

*The people are seated for the sermon*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The people 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**

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Morris, our Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop-elect; Chris, Drew, and Don, our priests; Pat, our deacon; and Austin, our seminarian;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our president; John Bel, our governor; Sharon, our mayor; and our family and friends serving in the military and law enforcement.

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Bill, Mike, Frank, Sue, Guy, Rodney, Jim, and those on our prayer list;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Today we remember Catharine White, Artie Zimmerman, Gwen Gill, Kathy Cole, Cristin Ponjuan, Joy Wicker, and all those that have died. Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* We also pray for expectant mothers, especially Angel, Blain, Britton, and ConnerLeigh, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things, may rejoice in your providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Coen Couvillion.

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

*After silence, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession of Sin

**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 Absolution

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 Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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.**

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

...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, 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 may stand or kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; . . .

. . . 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, . . .

...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 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 that 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 Fraction Anthem**

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

# Invitation to Communion

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*The people may stand or kneel*

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 Dismissal

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

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

*Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God  
and in celebration of their wedding anniversary by David and Cathy Dewey,  
and in loving memory of Frank Leonard by Bahin Leonard.*

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